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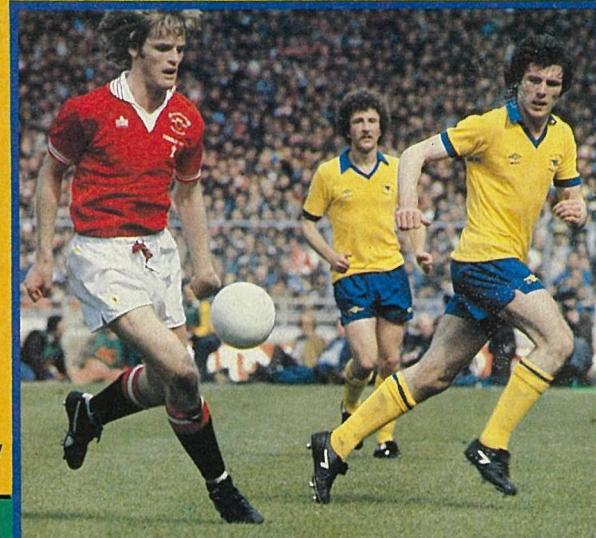
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Who knows what 1980, the start of a new decade, has in store for us. Artist Mick did some crystal-ball gazing for our front cover this week. Will Brian Clough be packing his suitcase again next year? Will England become champion nation of Europe? Will the American style of promoting football take off in a big way in Britain? Football is an unpredictable game, so it could happen, couldn't it . . .

Looking back on 1979 gave us a lot of fun. The inset on our cover shows Manchester United's Gordon McQueen with Arsenal's Frank Stapleton and Alan Sunderland in a memorable moment from this year's action-packed F.A. Cup Final. The words and pictures on this and the next three pages show that it's been quite an eventful year.

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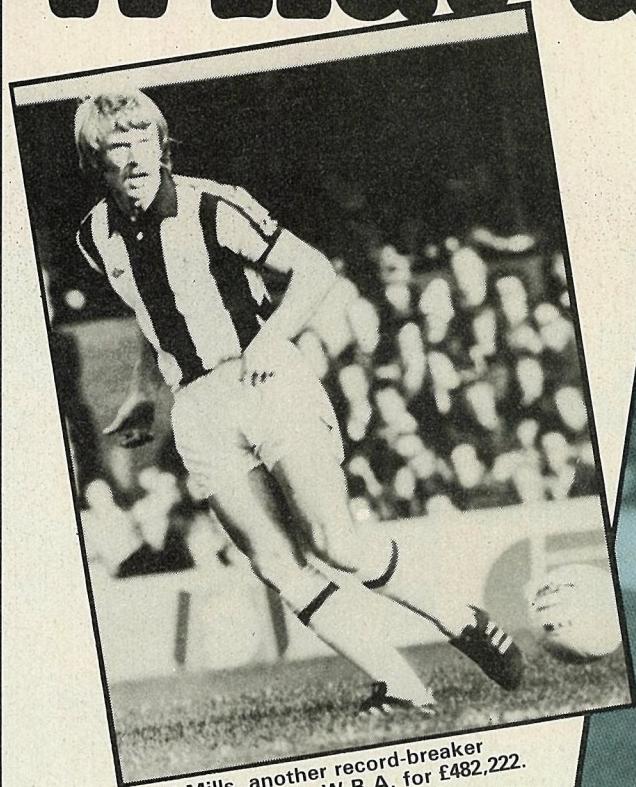
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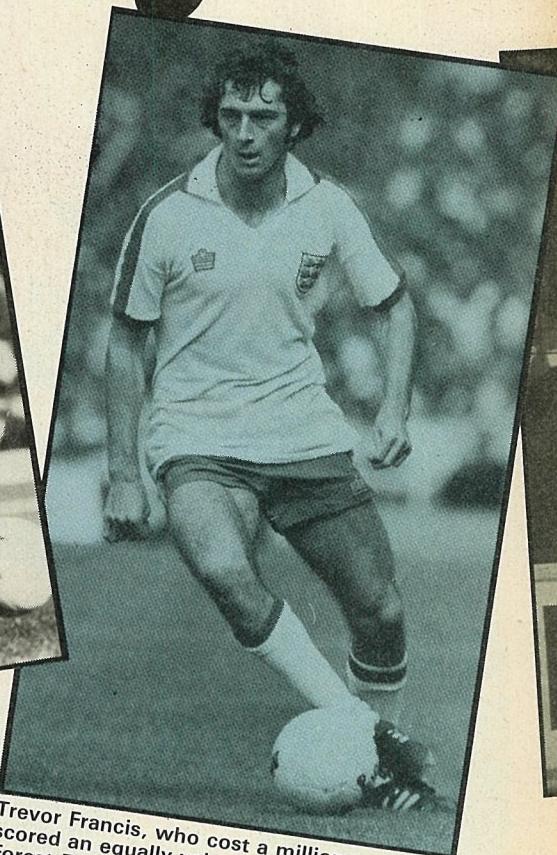
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What a year



David Mills, another record-breaker when he moved to W.B.A. for £482,222.

JANUARY 5: David Mills' £482,222 move from Middlesbrough to West Bromwich Albion set a new transfer fee record.



Trevor Francis, who cost a million and scored an equally valuable goal to make Forest Euro-champs.

FEBRUARY 9: Trevor Francis leaves Birmingham for Nottingham Forest to become the first £1 million footballer.



Liam Brady of Arsenal, chosen by players themselves as their man of the year.

MARCH 18: Arsenal's Liam Brady is elected 'Player of the Year' at London's Hilton Hotel by his fellow professionals.



Kenny Dalglish, top of the table according to football writers.

APRIL 26: Kenny Dalglish is chosen 'Footballer of the Year' by the Football Writers' Association after receiving as many votes as all the other nominations combined.

that was!

MATCH WEEKLY's round-up of some of the big events in 1979, in words and pictures.



Terry McDermott and Avi Cohen of Liverpool, whose season of joy ended with their 11th First Division title.

MAY 8: Liverpool clinched a record 11 First Division championship titles on the same day that manager Bob Paisley celebrated 40 years with the club.



Tommy Docherty carrying the weight of Q.P.R.'s problems on his shoulders, in the shape of Glenn Roeder.

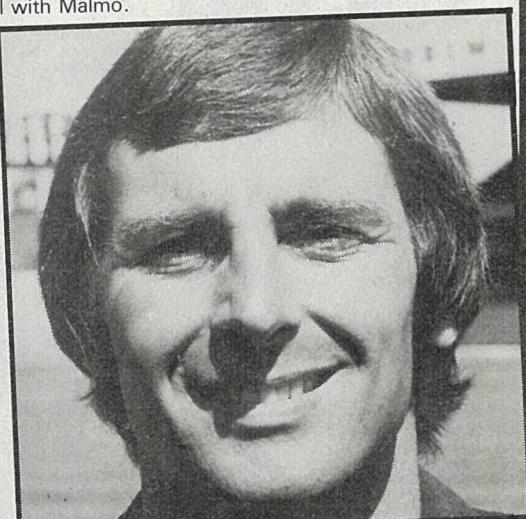
MAY 11: Manager Tommy Docherty left Derby for a second spell in charge at Queen's Park Rangers. The following day Alan Sunderland scored the winning goal in Arsenal's 3–2 F.A. Cup win against Manchester United.

MAY 30: Trevor Francis scores the winner in his first game in Europe — Nottingham Forest's European Cup Final with Malmo.



Asa Hartford . . . Manchester City . . . Forest . . . Everton . . . all in a few weeks.

JUNE 25: Manchester City paid Preston North End £765,000 for little-known striker Mick Robinson. Three days later they sell Asa Hartford to Nottingham Forest for £450,000.



Colin Addison, from No. 2 at West Bromwich Albion to No. 1 at Derby County.

JULY 6: Colin Addison leaves West Bromwich Albion after being appointed boss of Derby County.

What a year that was!



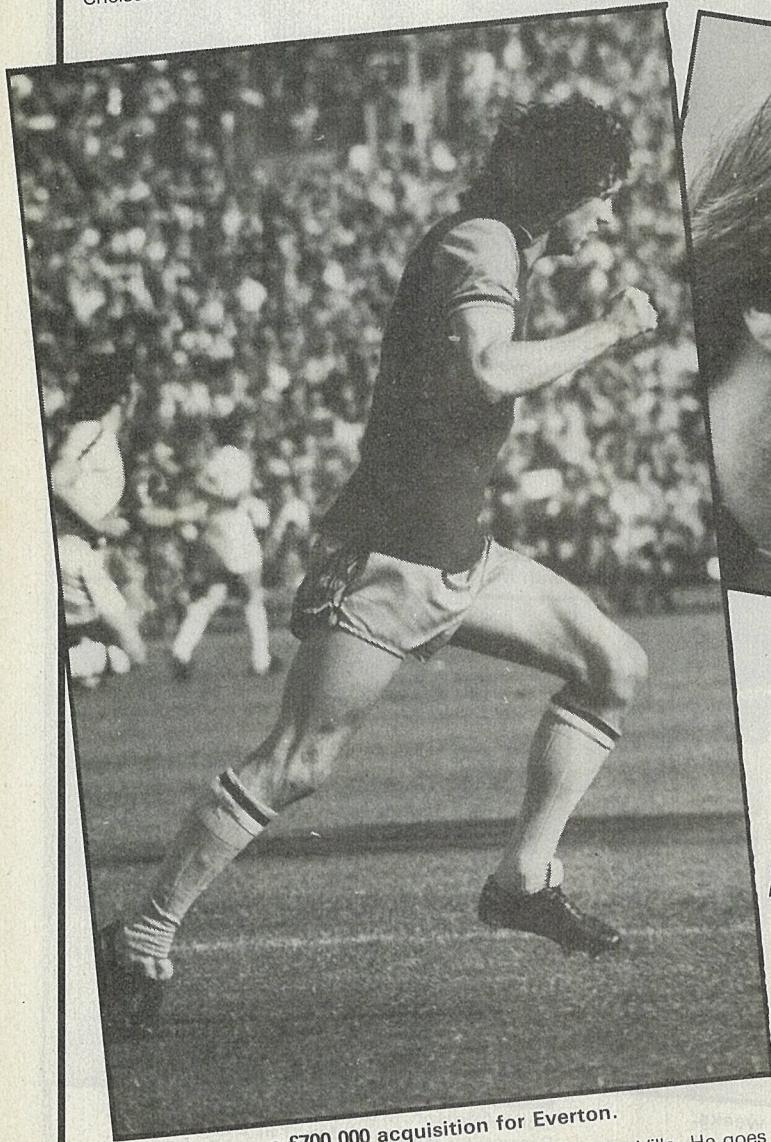
Ray Wilkins carries his wife, Jackie, across the threshold of his new club, Manchester United.

AUGUST 14: At last! The on-off transfer of Ray Wilkins from Chelsea to Manchester United finally goes through — for £825,000.



Record-breaker Steve Daley in action.

SEPTEMBER 5: Steve Daley's move from Wolves to Manchester City set a new transfer fee of £1,450,277. Three days later Andy Gray left Aston Villa for Wolves — and upped the record by another £18,733.



Geoff Hurst laying down the law after becoming Chelsea's new manager.

OCTOBER 23: 1966 World Cup hero Geoff Hurst is appointed manager of Chelsea, succeeding Danny Blanchflower who the following month also quit as boss of Northern Ireland.



Tony Woodcock . . . now Germany's most expensive player after the Forest/Cologne switch.

NOVEMBER 16: Tony Woodcock smashes the West German transfer record with a £650,000 move from Nottingham Forest.

John Gidman, a £700,000 acquisition for Everton.

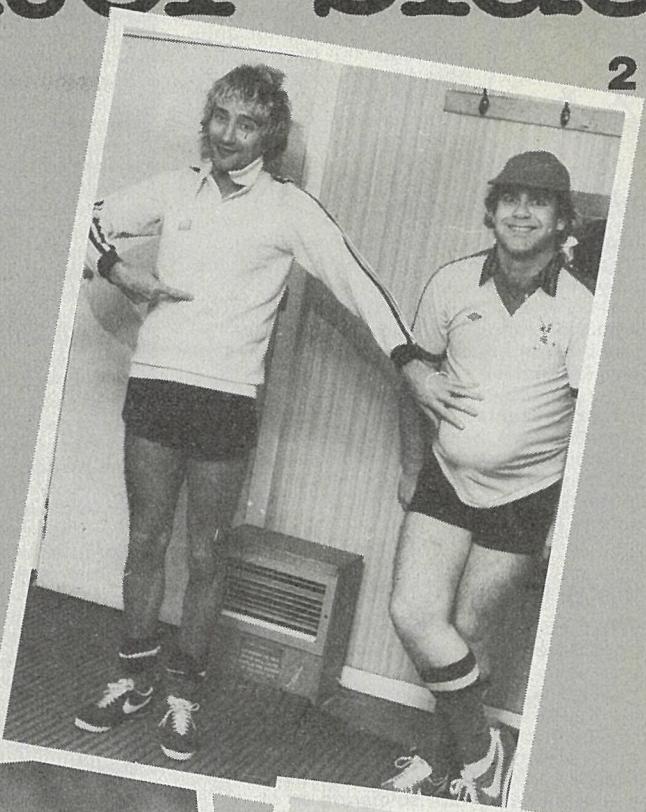
OCTOBER 18: John Gidman also departs from Aston Villa. He goes to Everton for £700,000.

DECEMBER 6: Brighton's attempts to strengthen their side hit another stumbling block when West German midfield ace Rainer Bonhof demanded £2,000-plus a game before he'd agree to a £500,000 move.

The lighter side of '79

YOU'VE got to smile sometimes, haven't you! Now you've been through all the momentous happenings of the year, here's how the camera caught some of the unscheduled moments.

- 1 DO YOU MIND! Nottingham Forest's Ian Bowyer in a close encounter with Bryan Flynn of Leeds. They're still friends, we hear.
- 2 IN GREAT SHAPE! That's pop-star Rod Stewart and his pal Elton John, chairman of Watford, who played together in a showbiz five-a-side tournament at Wembley. No Number 1's this time, though — their team lost.
- 3 EXPOSED! If the referee had seen it, he might have shouted "Foul!" for Chelsea defender John Sparrow's tackle-from-behind on Micky Nutton. But it wasn't very chilly in August, anyway, so perhaps Mick didn't even notice.
- 4 TAKE YOUR PARTNERS! Chris Guthrie of Fulham and Mark Dennis of Birmingham seem to be trying to tell each other something. (No, we don't know what it was!) If it wasn't a waltz, it must have been a quick-step.
- 5 BOTTOMS UP! Yoga, they tell us, is quite popular amongst sportsmen these days, but what this position is would be anybody's guess. Did you spot the guys in this tangle? They're Osvaldo Ardiles of Spurs and Kenny Burns of Nottingham Forest.



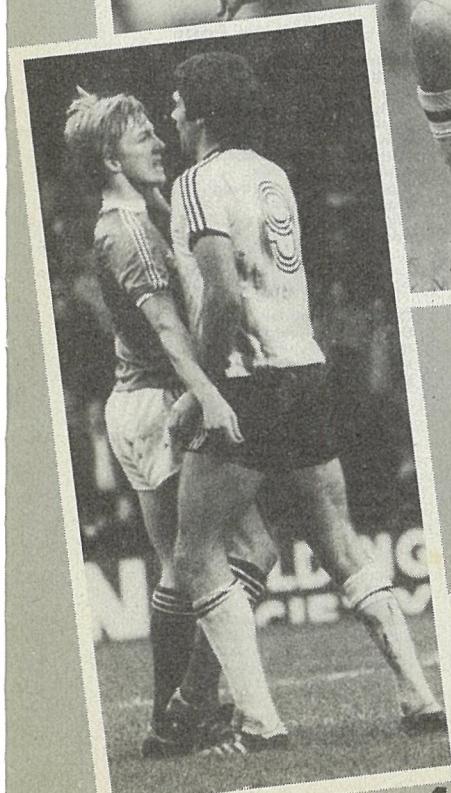
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DAVID HOWARD, a 17-year-old centre-forward with Newcastle, is leaving nothing to chance for the future. He has been training as an architectural technician.

No doubt the Hartlepool-born former Great Britain schoolboy player has plenty to build on — both at soccer and in a career.

Mr. Versatility . . .

MARK HILL, 18-year-old left-back with Queen's Park Rangers, certainly knows his way around the sports arena.

The Perivale (Middlesex) born youngster, who won Hounslow District, Middlesex and London honours as a schoolboy and was an England trialist has had plenty of other successes outside soccer.

He represented Hounslow District at cross-country, basketball and track athletics and was district champion in the 400 metres and the discus. He also played in the Schools National Cup at tennis at county level.

Tale of two brothers

THE fortunes of the Cardiff-born Giles boys have been in direct contrast over the past year.

David, a 23-year-old midfielder, was with his 18-year-old brother, Paul, at Cardiff up to November last year. He then moved on to Wrexham and just 11 months later was transferred to Swansea. In that period young Paul has kept soldiering on at Ninian Park.

The move of the older Giles to Swansea followed quickly on a training bust-up he had with winger Steve Fox. Both players were suspended for a week and transfer listed.

Now David, who has won Welsh schools, Youth and Under-21 honours, is looking for a nice settled time at the Vetch Field.

Young Paul first joined Cardiff as a seven-year-old and turned professional last June. When he first went to Ninian Park he was 3ft 6in tall and weighed less than 4st. He played for his school in an Under-11 Junior League when he was seven, too.

Fixtures

Friday, December 28

Division Four

Tranmere v Bradford C. (7.30)

Saturday, December 29

Division One

All 3.00 kick-off unless stated

Brighton v Man. C.
Bristol C. v Aston Villa.
Coventry v Nottingham F.
C. Palace v Middlesbrough.
Everton v Derby.
Ipswich v Wolves.
Leeds v Norwich.
Man. U. v Arsenal.
Southampton v Bolton.
Spurs v Stoke.
W.B.A. v Liverpool.

Division Two

Birmingham v Cardiff.
Fulham v Sunderland.
Leicester v Q.P.R.
Newcastle v Charlton.
Notts. Co. v Burnley.
Oldham v West Ham.
Orient v Luton.
Shrewsbury v Bristol R.
Swansea v Preston.
Watford v Cambridge.
Wrexham v Chelsea.

Division Three

Brentford v Swindon.
Bury v Blackburn. (3.15)

Call from Down Under

MIDDLESBROUGH midfield star Craig Johnston has an international problem. Should he play for Australia in the World Cup?

Johnston is only 19 and aware that many a football-crazy youngster would jump at the chance to play for his country in the World Cup. The problem with Craig is that he is eligible to play for a few countries!

His grandfather was Scottish, his grandmother Irish. He was born in South Africa and brought up in Australia. On top of that he could become an English citizen any day he wants to!

Johnston flew to England from the other end of the world to achieve a football ambition after leaving school. He made outstanding First Division and F.A. Cup debuts at 17. After a 'nightmare season' was virtually wiped out by a pelvic complaint, Craig burst on the scene with a bang again when Middlesbrough's record club buy Irving Nattrass was ruled out in August.

Australian manager Rudi Gutendorf followed up impressive reports with a special journey to London to watch Johnston in action.

"There are many promising young players in Australia, but Johnston has the tremendous advantage of English First Division experience. I would like him to play for Australia in the World Cup qualifying rounds and against



Jumping for joy: Craig Johnston after scoring the second of his two goals against Everton.

England in a special match in Australia next summer."

Johnston is in a dilemma over the offer. Should he grab it with both hands — or wait in hope of a chance with another country? "It will need a lot of thought," he says. "I don't want to rush into things."

Wheels of fortune

SOUTHAMPTON manager Lawrie McMenemy on a very special bicycle before the match at Ipswich recently.

It was won by Braintree girl Louise Lincoln in a 'Code of the Road' competition sponsored by the Corona soft drinks firm at a Pontin's holiday centre.

But Louise, 12, had just received a new bicycle as a present, so she decided to give her prize to her favourite charity.

Pontin's, who sponsored the Ipswich-Southampton match, asked Lawrie to present her with the machine — Louise then presented it to Bobby Robson, who received it on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Foley House residential home at Braintree.



Carlisle v Sheffield W.
Chester v Blackpool.
Colchester v Rotherham.
Mansfield v Exeter.
Millwall v Gillingham.
Oxford v Hull.
Plymouth v Chesterfield.
Reading v Barnsley.
Sheffield U. v Grimsby.
Southend v Wimbledon.

Division Four

Bournemouth v Darlington.
Doncaster v Huddersfield.
Halifax v Peterborough.
Hartlepool v Rochdale.
Lincoln v York.
Newport v Walsall. (3.15)
Portsmouth v Northampton.
Port Vale v Aldershot.
Scunthorpe v Hereford. (3.15)
Torquay v Crewe.
Wigan v Stockport.

SCOTTISH Premier Division

Aberdeen v Hibernian.
Dundee v St. Mirren.
Kilmarnock v Dundee U.
Morton v Partick.
Rangers v Celtic.

Division One

Airdrie v Raith.
Clyde v Clydebank.
Dumbarton v Hamilton.
Dunfermline v Berwick.
Hearts v Ayr U.
Motherwell v Arbroath.
St. Johnstone v Stirling.

Division Two

Albion v Montrose.
Alloa v Queen of South.
Cowdenbeath v Stranraer.

Tuesday, January 1

Division One

Aston Villa v Man. C.
Bristol C. v Brighton. (7.30)
Coventry v Middlesbrough.
C. Palace v Norwich.
Everton v Nottingham F.
Ipswich v W.B.A.
Leeds v Derby.
Man. U. v Bolton.
Southampton v Arsenal. (11.30)
Stoke v Liverpool.
Spurs v Wolves.

Division Two

Birmingham v Q.P.R.
Fulham v Charlton. (11.30)
Leicester v Bristol R. (11.00)
Luton v Chelsea.
Newcastle v Sunderland.
Notts. Co. v Cambridge.
Oldham v Watford.
Orient v West Ham.
Shrewsbury v Burnley. (7.30)
Swansea v Cardiff.
Wrexham v Preston.

Division Three

Barnsley v Rotherham.
Bury v Colchester. (3.15)
Carlisle v Blackpool.
Chester v Chesterfield. (11.30)
Gillingham v Sheffield W.
Hull v Grimsby.
Mansfield v Brentford.
Millwall v Southend.
Oxford v Wimbledon. (7.30)

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Portsmouth v Aldershot.
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Stockport v Peterborough.
Tranmere v Walsall.
Wigan v Port Vale.
York v Halifax.

SCOTTISH Premier Division

Celtic v Kilmarnock.
Dundee U. v Aberdeen.
Hibernian v Dundee.
Partick T. v Rangers.
St. Mirren v Morton.

Division One

Arbroath v St. Johnstone.
Ayr U. v Clyde.
Berwick v Hearts.
Clydebank v Dumbarton.
Hamilton v Airdrie.
Raith v Dunfermline.
Stirling v Motherwell.

Division Two

Albion v Queen's Park.
Brechin v Forfar A.
East Fife v Cowdenbeath.
East Stirling v Falkirk.
Montrose v Meadowbank.
Stenhousemuir v Alloa.
Stranraer v Queen of South.

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COPPELL



WHAT A YEAR it's been for Steve Coppell! His uncanny knack of popping up to score vital goals for England confirmed him as an established international player. And with his club, Manchester United, he set a unique double – the only person to play in every League game and the honour of finishing joint-top League goalscorer. **MATCH WEEKLY** looks back at his fabulous year.



*Coppell shoots for goal
in the derby game with
Manchester City. United
lost 2-0.*

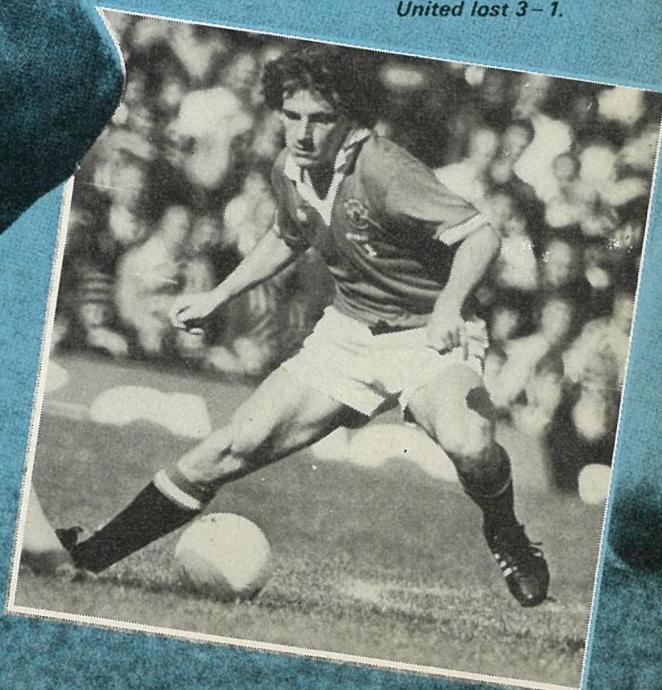


*A wet and muddy Coppell still has
the strength to surge past Northern
Ireland's Gerry Armstrong in
England's 5-1 win in Belfast.*



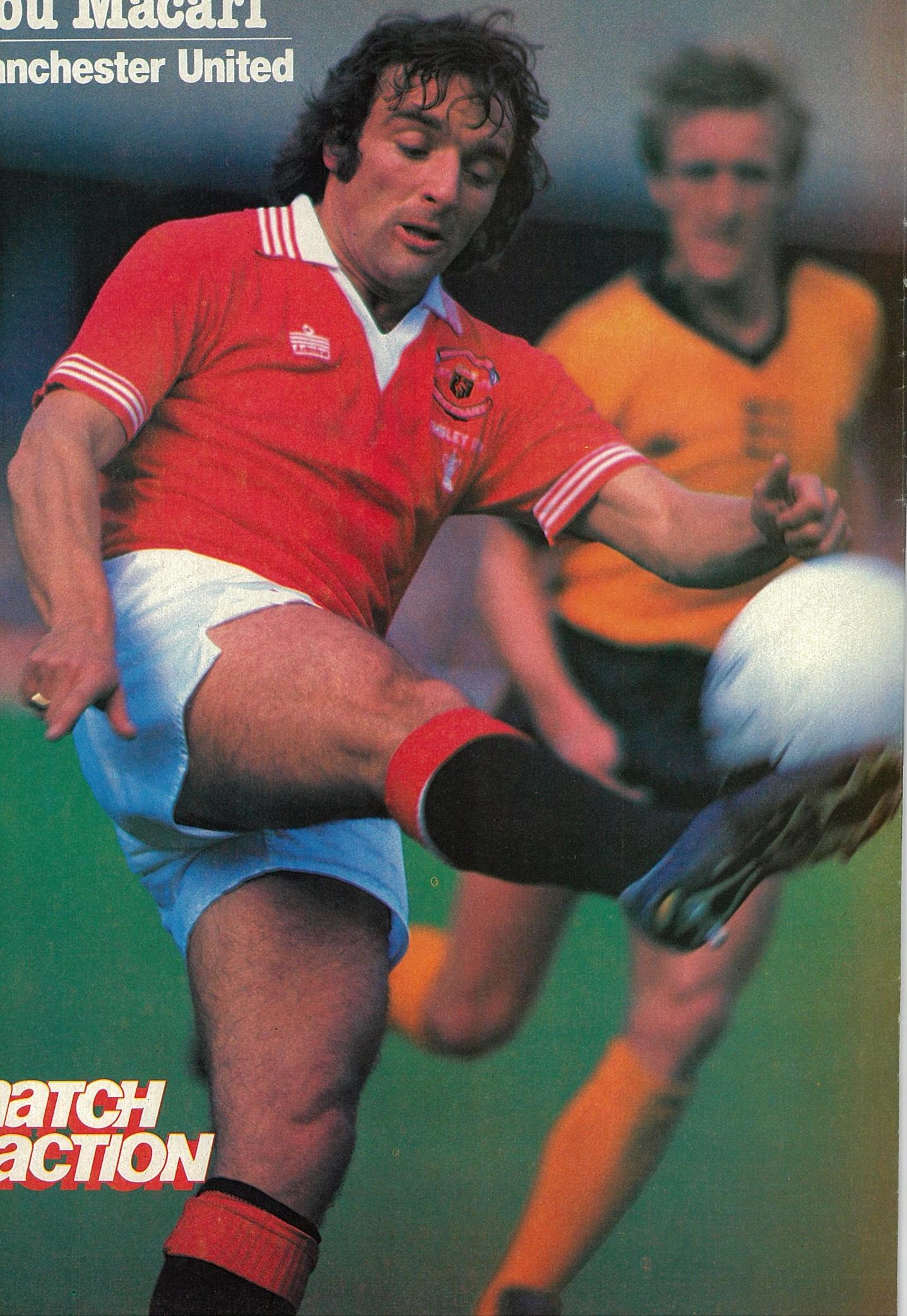
*Coppell in action against Wales. Joey
Jones sticks out an arm to halt the
tricky England winger.*

*On the ball in an early season
game against Wolves, which
United lost 3-1.*



Lou Macari

Manchester United



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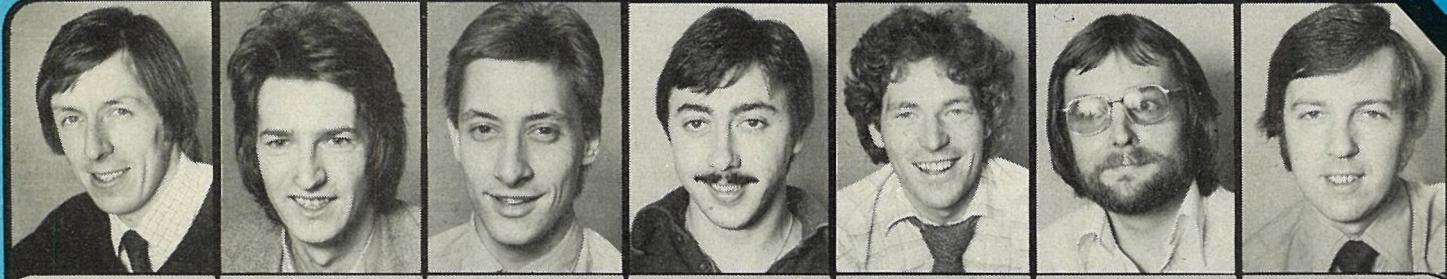
Beat the PANEL

NEXT week marks the half-way point in the season and the field of contenders for major honours begins to narrow. Who will be the champions when May comes around?

Here, the *MATCH* Editor Melvyn Bagnall and his editorial staff have each predicted who they think will take the various titles listed (below). If you think you can do better, fill in your choice in the space provided and post your entry to BEAT THE PANEL, *MATCH WEEKLY*, Park House, 117 Park Road, Peterborough, PE1 2TS.

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Melvyn Bagnall picks ...
LIVERPOOL

Bob Paisley and his men have been there before, they know the pressures and I take their experience to give them the edge over their rivals.

Your forecast

DIV. 2



Paul Stratton picks ...
CHELSEA

Something of an emotional choice for me, but manager Geoff Hurst has done wonders to eliminate the old Chelsea inconsistency. Youthful enthusiasm is their key.

Your forecast

DIV. 3



Steve Miller picks ...
SWINDON

Swindon Town have enjoyed a confidence-boosting League Cup run and just need to improve their away form in the League to clinch the title.

Your forecast

DIV. 4



Phil Jarman picks ...
PORTSMOUTH

Consistent goal power courtesy of Garwood, Brisley and Co. added to tremendous backing from their fans should see Portsmouth home and dry in Division Four.

Your forecast

F.A. CUP



Trevor Haylett picks ...
C. PALACE

My money's with Crystal Palace, who on their day have the flair to beat any side. Bet also on Southampton to go far.

Your forecast

SCOTTISH PREMIER



Andrew Wright picks ...
CELTIC

The 'old firm' aren't having it all their own way so far this season, but I still take Billy McNeill's Celtic to finish ahead of Morton, St. Mirren and Aberdeen.

Your forecast

EURO CHAMPS



Bob Warters picks ...
W. GERMANY

It's easy to be partisan and go for England in Italy next June, but realistically Rummenigge and Kaltz will spearhead a West German triumph.

Your forecast

ARSENALS



Claudio's a bargain

SUNDERLAND are on a winner with Claudio Marangoni. That's my message this week to the North-East supporters who are wondering what value their team will get for £320,000.

By English prices I consider him a bargain. He is a very skilful player, has good control and can finish, too.

My wife Sylvia and I were pleased to welcome Claudio and his wife to my home just after he had signed.

He was asking me questions all the time and was worried about the standard of the Second Division because in Argentina it is not too high. I was quick to assure him that here the standard is very high and that Sunderland are one of the better Second Division teams.

His wife was a little worried about the fact that they were going North but later I spoke to Claudio on the telephone and he said his wife was very happy now. The club had made them feel so at home.

I was interested to read in *MATCH WEEKLY* that ex-San Lorenzo player Claudio feels his game will improve in the cold English conditions as compared to the 80 degree heat of home.

When Ricky Villa and I first came over people in Argentina said it would be so cold for us. But it's not that cold and I can't say it has affected my game one way or the other.

Marangoni has been in demand for about the last six months with English clubs. Wolves wanted him at one time and Arsenal were prepared to spend money.

Terry Neill, the Arsenal manager, went over to Buenos Aires in July this year and said he thought he was a very good player but wanted someone more suited to defensive play. This is a problem with Claudio, he tends to be a bit slow and is not happy playing defensive football.

With Alex Sabella doing well at Sheffield United and now Claudio coming over, the



Mario Kempes . . . he's playing in Spain, so I wasn't surprised his name wasn't on Menotti's list.

number of Argentinian players in England is growing.

I think there are others back home who would like the chance to try their luck. It is one of the reasons, I believe, why national manager Carlos Menotti was quick to announce a squad for 1980. —

This means it will be very difficult for those 28 players to move from Argentina to play in Europe.

It is a strong squad and one I consider will do well in the matches next year. The game with England at Wembley in May is, of course, the highlight. I was not surprised to see my

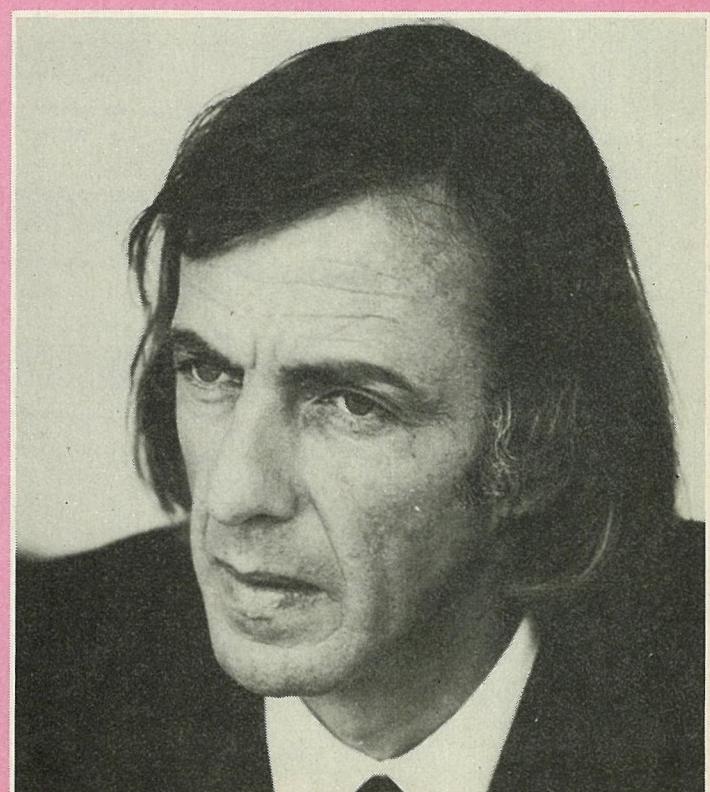
name, together with Ricky's and Kempes and Bertoni now playing in Spain — missing from the list because Menotti has said before now that he wants to have a good look at the home-based players first.

It is very difficult for us to make any of the games anyway because of our club commitments. For instance I will probably be needed for a Tottenham tour around the time of the Wembley game.

But just because I am not in the squad does not mean that I am not allowed to figure in these games.



Alex Sabella . . . another Argentinian playing in England — and doing so well at Sheffield United.



Argentina's manager Cesar Menotti . . . I believe he announced his 1980 squad early because he knew there were other players waiting for a chance to come to England.

TABLE TOPPERS

Who are the world's most successful teams? Read on . . .

FINDING common ground shared by a trio as different as First Division club Aston Villa and the national soccer teams of Russia and Brazil might seem a tall order but there is a very definite link. All three hold the distinction of being table toppers in fascinating MATCH WEEKLY charts of achievement.

The Russians head records based on results from the quarter-final stages in the European Championship since 1958; Brazil lead the way in World Cup listings since 1930 and, in case you haven't guessed, Aston Villa emerge as the English cup kings in a chart of appearances in the finals of our domestic knockout competitions, the F.A. Cup and Football League Cup.

No fewer than 44 existing Football League clubs figure in the list and in addition to leading with actual wins, 10, including a record 7 in the F.A. Cup in the 70-year span from 1887 to 1957, Villa have also been runners-up in 4 further finals.

Awarding a hypothetical two points for a win and one for finishing runners-up, Villa score 24 points, five more than nearest rivals, their Midland neighbours, West Bromwich Albion.

Six-times winners and beaten finalists on seven occasions, Albion score a solitary point more than Newcastle. However, when it comes to winning pure and simple, there is no club to touch Tottenham Hotspur, who boast seven finals and seven wins.



Dennis Mortimer in action for Aston Villa, England's most successful cup side, against Colchester earlier this season.

Cup Kings

| Pos | Team | W | R-U | F | A | GD | Pts |
|-----|-------------------------|----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Aston Villa | 10 | 4 | 21 | 18 | +3 | 24 |
| 2 | West Bromwich Albion | 6 | 7 | 21 | 22 | -1 | 19 |
| 3 | Newcastle United | 6 | 6 | 15 | 15 | - | 18 |
| 4 | Arsenal | 5 | 7 | 12 | 13 | -1 | 17 |
| 5 | Manchester City | 6 | 4 | 13 | 13 | - | 16 |
| 6 | Tottenham Hotspur | 7 | 0 | 16 | 5 | +11 | 14 |
| 7 | Blackburn Rovers | 6 | 2 | 18 | 8 | +10 | 14 |
| 8 | Wolverhampton Wanderers | 5 | 4 | 14 | 13 | +1 | 14 |
| 9 | Manchester United | 4 | 4 | 13 | 12 | +1 | 12 |
| 10 | Bolton Wanderers | 4 | 3 | 11 | 9 | +2 | 11 |
| 11 | Sheffield United | 4 | 2 | 14 | 9 | +5 | 10 |
| 12 | Everton | 3 | 4 | 10 | 9 | +1 | 10 |
| 13 | Preston North End | 2 | 5 | 10 | 12 | -2 | 9 |
| 14 | Nottingham Forest | 4 | 0 | 9 | 4 | +5 | 8 |
| 15 | Liverpool | 2 | 4 | 7 | 8 | -1 | 8 |
| 16 | Sheffield Wednesday | 3 | 2 | 11 | 13 | -2 | 8 |
| 17 | Leeds United | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | -1 | 7 |
| 18 | Chelsea | 2 | 3 | 9 | 12 | -3 | 7 |
| 19 | Leicester City | 1 | 5 | 7 | 14 | -7 | 7 |
| 20 | West Ham United | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | -2 | 6 |
| 21 | Huddersfield Town | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | -5 | 6 |
| 22 | Sunderland | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | +2 | 5 |
| 23 | Derby County | 1 | 3 | 6 | 14 | -8 | 5 |
| 24 | Bury | 2 | 0 | 10 | 0 | +10 | 4 |
| 25 | Norwich | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | +2 | 4 |
| 26 | Portsmouth | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 | - | 4 |
| 27 | Birmingham City | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | -1 | 4 |
| 28 | Burnley | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | -2 | 4 |
| 29 | Blackpool | 1 | 2 | 6 | 9 | -3 | 4 |
| 30 | Southampton | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | -4 | 4 |
| 31 | Notts. County | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | +1 | 3 |
| 32 | = Cardiff City | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 3 |
| 32 | = Stoke City | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | -3 | 3 |
| 34 | Barnsley | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | -1 | 3 |
| 35 | Charlton | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | -2 | 3 |
| 36 | Swindon | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | +2 | 2 |
| 37 | = Bradford City | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | +1 | 2 |
| 37 | = Q.P.R. | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | +1 | 2 |
| 37 | = Ipswich Town | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | +1 | 2 |
| 40 | Bristol City | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 1 |
| 40 | = Luton Town | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -1 | 1 |
| 40 | = Rotherham | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | -1 | 1 |
| 43 | Fulham | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | -2 | 1 |
| 44 | Rochdale | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | -1 | 1 |

● This table is for every finalist in the League Cup or F.A. Cup that still holds a place in the League up to the 1979-80 season.

Most of the big-name clubs are in the list and there is even a place, albeit at the bottom, for little Rochdale who were League Cup finalists against Norwich City back in 1962 when the decider was still a two-leg affair on the grounds of the respective clubs. Rochdale lost 4-0 on aggregate.

Perhaps the most significant feature of the World Cup line-up is that only Hungary in the top eight countries have not been hosts to the finals. Playing in familiar surroundings and in front of home crowds when the pressure is really intense has to be a big advantage, as the records clearly prove.

West Germany, Italy, Uruguay, Argentina and England all won the competitions they staged and in similar circumstances both Brazil and Sweden reached the final.

Three-times winners Brazil easily lead the way but have played a lot more World Cup games than any other country with the possible exception of Germany.

England are eighth in the unofficial table and up to 1978 had played 24 World Cup games winning 10 times with 6 draws and 8 defeats, the goal scoring tally being 34 with 28 against.

At first sight Russia might seem surprising European Championship pace-setters but since 1958 in what was originally known as the European Nations' Cup they have three times been in the final, beating Yugoslavia in Paris in 1960 before losing in 1964 to Spain and eight years later against West Germany.

European Championship 1958-76

| Pos | Team | Pld | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts | Wn's |
|-----|----------------|-----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|------|
| 1 | U.S.S.R. | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 17 | 15 | +2 | 14 | |
| 2 | W. Germany | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 7 | +10 | 12 | 1 |
| 3 | Hungary | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 15 | +2 | 12 | |
| 4 | Yugoslavia | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 16 | -1 | 10 | |
| 5 | Spain | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 9 | +4 | 9 | 1 |
| 6 | Czechoslovakia | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 5 | +4 | 7 | 1 |
| 7* | Italy | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 4 | +3 | 7 | 1 |
| 8 | England | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | +1 | 7 | |
| 9 | Holland | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 6 | +5 | 6 | |
| 10 | Belgium | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 12 | -6 | 5 | |
| 11 | Denmark | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 11 | -4 | 4 | |
| 12 | Bulgaria | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | -1 | 2 | |
| 13 | Luxembourg | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | -1 | 2 | |
| 14 | Rumania | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | -1 | 2 | |
| 15 | Sweden | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | -2 | 1 | |
| 16 | Wales | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | -2 | 1 | |
| 17 | France | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 11 | -7 | 1 | |
| 18 | Eire | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | -6 | 0 | |

● This table is based on matches from the quarter-finals onwards. In 1974-76 Czechoslovakia beat W. Germany 5-3 on penalties after a 2-2 draw.

*In 1966-68 Italy beat U.S.S.R. on the toss of a coin after a 0-0 draw.

World Cup 1930-78

| Pos | Team | Pld | W | D | L | F | A | GD | Pts | Wn's |
|-----|-----------------|-----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|------|
| 1 | Brazil | 52 | 33 | 10 | 9 | 119 | 58 | +63 | 76 | 3 |
| 2 | W. Germany | 47 | 28 | 9 | 10 | 110 | 68 | +42 | 65 | 2 |
| 3 | Italy | 36 | 20 | 6 | 10 | 62 | 40 | +22 | 46 | 2 |
| 4 | Uruguay | 29 | 14 | 5 | 10 | 57 | 39 | +18 | 33 | 2 |
| 5 | Argentina | 29 | 14 | 5 | 10 | 55 | 43 | +12 | 33 | 1 |
| 6 | Hungary | 26 | 13 | 2 | 11 | 73 | 42 | +31 | 28 | |
| 7 | Sweden | 28 | 11 | 5 | 11 | 48 | 46 | +2 | 28 | |
| 8 | England | 24 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 34 | 28 | +6 | 26 | |
| 9 | Yugoslavia | 25 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 45 | 34 | +11 | 26 | |
| 10 | U.S.S.R. | 19 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 30 | 21 | +9 | 23 | |
| 11 | Holland | 16 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 32 | 19 | +13 | 19 | |
| 12 | Poland | 14 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 27 | 17 | +10 | 19 | |
| 13 | Austria | 18 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 33 | 36 | -3 | 19 | |
| 14 | Czechoslovakia | 22 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 32 | 36 | -4 | 19 | |
| 15 | France | 20 | 8 | 1 | 11 | 43 | 38 | +5 | 17 | |
| 16 | Chile | 18 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 23 | 24 | -1 | 17 | |
| 17 | Spain | 18 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 22 | 25 | -3 | 17 | |
| 18 | Switzerland | 18 | 5 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 44 | -16 | 12 | |
| 19 | Portugal | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 8 | +9 | 10 | |
| 20 | Mexico | 24 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 21 | 62 | -41 | 10 | |
| 21 | Peru | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 17 | 25 | -8 | 9 | |
| 22 | Scotland | 11 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 21 | -9 | 8 | |
| 23 | E. Germany | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | - | 8 | |
| 24 | Paraguay | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 19 | -7 | 8 | |
| 25 | U.S.A. | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 21 | -9 | 6 | |
| 26 | Wales | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | -5 | 5 | |
| 27 | N. Ireland | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 10 | -4 | 5 | |
| 28 | Rumania | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 17 | -5 | 5 | |
| 29 | Bulgaria | 12 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 29 | -20 | 4 | |
| 30 | Tunisia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | +1 | 3 | |
| 31 | N. Korea | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 | -4 | 3 | |
| 32 | Cuba | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 12 | -7 | 3 | |
| 33 | Belgium | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 25 | -13 | 3 | |
| 34 | Turkey | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 11 | -1 | 2 | |
| 35 | Israel | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | -2 | 2 | |
| 36 | Morocco | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | -4 | 1 | |
| 37 | Australia | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | -5 | 1 | |
| 38 | Columbia | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 11 | -6 | 1 | |
| 39 | Iran | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 | -6 | 1 | |
| 40 | Norway | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | -1 | 0 | |
| 41 | Egypt | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | -2 | 0 | |
| 42 | Dutch E. Indies | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | -6 | 0 | |
| 43 | El Salvador | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 9 | -9 | 0 | |
| 44 | Haiti | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 14 | -12 | 0 | |
| 45 | Zaire | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 14 | -14 | 0 | |
| 46 | Bolivia | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 16 | -16 | 0 | |
| 47 | S. Korea | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 16 | -16 | 0 | |

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Wembley

Poor old ref!

MOST referees I have seen are too reluctant to give penalties. This is a shame. I think the game should always be played according to the rules, so I hope referees will not be so timid.

Jamie Pritchard, Alton, Hants.

★ ★ ★

REFEREES should be given more protection from embarrassment. The replay and slow motion machines may show a fault, but they only prove that referees are human and make mistakes, even the best ones.

Errors shown on TV should be banned as nothing can be done about them. Most referees realise very quickly when they have made a mistake.

Referees are vastly underpaid. Without them, it would be impossible to play competitive football.

Philip Gerrish, Long Eaton, Notts.

• Jamie's point first: In our experience, referees are more likely not to award a penalty if there is any small doubt in their own minds at the time about whether or not an offence was committed in the box. It doesn't necessarily mean there was no offence - only that the referee was not sure. And Philip's point: We agree that a ref's job is one of the hardest in football and is not made any easier by his being shown up on the telly. Go easy, you commentators!



"As it's Christmas time, the lads have decided to give you a present!"

Welshing on us

SOMETHING that has disturbed me greatly for many years is that all Welsh teams do not have a Welsh referee when they play, except when playing each other.

As all referees are supposed to be neutral anyway, why do all the Welsh clubs have to have an English ref? The F.A. should think about it.

M. J. Towteen, Cardiff.

A case for drugs

IN A sporting world that has drug-taking as much a part of its make-up as exercising or dieting, many people must have strong reservations about the random dope tests now introduced into British soccer.

Which drug is harmful - which harmless? And should a player be penalised for taking any step that he considers makes him turn in a better performance for those who have paid to be entertained? After all, drugs are available to ALL!

My personal opinion is that I would prefer a player to indulge and turn in a scintillating performance - rather than (and we have so many today) have a player who is lethargic, uninspired and is patently not 'giving of his best'!

Neil Kendall, Blackpool, S. Lancs.

TERRACE TALK

SOMETHING to say about the game of soccer - or about something you've read in this magazine? Then this is YOUR page. Write to Terrace Talk, MATCH WEEKLY, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough, PE1 1UB. Full names and addresses, please, and your age if you don't mind telling us! Best letter of the week wins £10. Every other letter published - £2.

With teams like Liverpool and Forest out of the First Division, it would give the other clubs a chance of the glory that is always snatched by the great sides.

Miles Bingham, Hove, Sussex.

Unfair boo-boys

I'M APPALLED by the way so-called fans shout abuse to any young players who make a mistake. It simply destroys their confidence.

I went to see West Ham play and when a young player called Billy Lansdowne missed a chance to score, the boo-boys started shouting abuse. When Trevor Brooking did the same later, they just said Trev was unlucky and cheered him.

Sean McKeon, West Ham, London.

P.S. I support West Ham and my favourite player is Trevor Brooking.



Brighton's Gary Williams (left) and Steve Foster both challenge Arsenal's Frank Stapleton . . . are they rated fairly?

Facts challenged

I SAW the match between Chester and Wimbledon and I don't agree at all with your Match Facts. You say Goddard was off-form, but I think he played brilliantly. Galliers was said to be adequate, but when I saw the match he played a very good game. You also said Browsett was adequate - I thought he played very well.

Jonathan Smith, Crosby, Liverpool.

fanatic, one of the many who support them even when they're in trouble.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
I WATCH Brighton at home and have been impressed by their two young defenders, Steve Foster and Gary Williams. When Norwich played at the Goldstone, the brilliant Kevin Reeves was marked almost out of the game; the same thing happened against Liverpool and Dalglish. Yet these two young defenders hardly ever get more than six (adequate) in Match Facts.

Looking through one Match Facts section, only five defenders were given eight or above on the first page!

Richard Miller, Pevensey, East Sussex.

• We hope you'll accept, lads, that our observers at games throughout the country are as impartial as possible when compiling their ratings for Match Facts, but they will be the first to admit that they are not always right. Anyway, thanks for taking us to task. We don't mind, honest!

Write and wrong

I'M WRITING to congratulate you on your great magazine. But I must tell you that some of my friends think it's rubbish. They're the sort who only buy war comics and say that if you wrote in 100 times you would be lucky to get a letter printed.

They also say that Kevin Keegan, Osvaldo Ardiles and Steve Coppell do not actually write for MATCH.

Richard McNicholas, Hermitage, Co. Galway.

• Congratulations on your good taste, Richard! We would suggest that your friends are not so interested in the game of football as you. And we'll let you in on a trade secret . . . our star writers DO ACTUALLY WRITE FOR US.

Now . . . World League?

WHY NOT have a World Super League. Travel costs would be repaid by the enormous crowds these great clashes would pull.

Foreign aggro

WHILE the violence problem is increasing all over the world, I would like to tell you about just the tip of the iceberg of South African football violence.

When English referee Alan Robinson came out here he was invited to referee a Premier Division derby between Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates. During the interval he was attacked by fans with knives; they had scaled the security fences.

The problem has got so serious that the Minister of Sport is prepared to take action. Incidents with refs include a linesman having to be carried off on a stretcher after being hit by a bottle in Pretoria, one of our top referees being hospitalised and forced to quit because of a whisky glass hurled at him, a referee stabbed with a screwdriver after fans invaded the pitch and a referee nearly crippled when a brick smashed his ankle.

Players, managers and innocent fans have to

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suffer, too, from bottles, etc., being hurled from the terraces. In one Kaizer Chiefs/Arcadia Pepsi match a policeman, photographer and fan had to be admitted to hospital.

Violence has not only caused human injury but at a stadium in Johannesburg, fans broke the gates to get in. Cars are battered and smashed windscreens are getting to be a way of life.

With the government realising the violence problem and League officials realising the League shambles, the situation can now only improve.

Name withheld, Johannesburg, South Africa.

• We take no comfort from the knowledge that we aren't the only nation to suffer this problem. Thanks to our South African reader for an informative report. Perhaps you will let us know when your government and officials come up with any answers!



"Come off it ref! It's Christmas - the season of goodwill to all men - you silly old twit!"

Big clashes

I AM complaining about the violence on and off the field when Rangers play Celtic. Usually there are about 40 to 50 arrests per match for fighting, running on the pitch, hooliganism, etc. In the last eight games, the two teams together averaged just under four bookings per game.

I just want to make the point that when these two teams play other teams in the Premier League, there is not such a bad crime-count.

Roderick McLovrie, Greenock, Scotland.

Millwall reformed

I AM a loyal Millwall supporter, so I was upset to read in MATCH about Salisbury taking on Millwall and their fans. If that meant what I think it meant, you listen to this!

There has been no trouble down at Millwall for two seasons now and it is press publicity that gets Millwall a bad reputation, which is now begging to be forgotten. Please don't keep on at them. Leeds have a far worse record.

Richard Clark, Bromley, Kent.

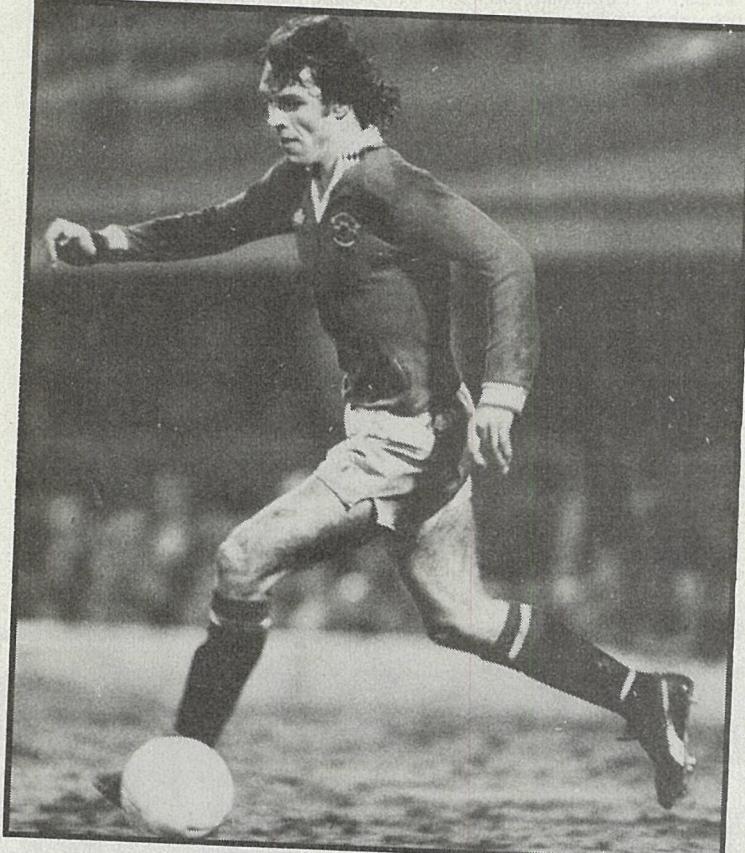
Keegan worship

MATCH WEEKLY is a good mag but . . . hold on a minute! Kevin Keegan isn't that great, not an idol to be worshipped like a Roman god.

Nine out of ten of the first MATCH WEEKLY's had Keegan written on the cover. Maybe this Keegan is not as infallible as he is made out to be. And if you care to observe, the country is not made up entirely of Keegan fans.

Neil Clark, Stonehaven, Scotland.

• Hope you don't mind us having our say, Neil, but Keegan is a top player by anybody's standards, has been associated with top English and European clubs and is in a unique position to comment on and describe the events of the game of football. And we



Poor old Joe!

ON THE terraces at Old Trafford I hear people criticising Joe Jordan (above).

It is ironic that while Joe was injured, United only managed to score one goal against teams such as Ipswich and Southampton. United were surely missing their tall centre-forward.

His scoring record does not seem very impressive, but Joe will always be unselfish and give others the chance of glory. Just his being on the pitch is enough to worry opposing defenders.

Tony Heald, Longsight, Manchester.

happen to believe that a lot of people appreciate the insight he brings through his MATCH WEEKLY column.

he has only played two games for his country, he did score three goals.

Wayne Spall, Cleethorpes, S. Humberside.

How dare they!

I WAS disgusted that David Johnson was not in the squad for England against Bulgaria. No disrespect to Kevin Reeves or Glenn Hoddle, but Johnson has scored as many as Hoddle and a few more than Reeves. And he has more experience than both of them. Even though

HOW much longer can Scotland manager Jock Stein ignore the brilliant talent of Ipswich's young George Burley? There's not a better right-back anywhere. Stein always includes him in his squads but never uses him as his first choice.

Neal Laver, Haverhill, Sussex.

Off-side broadsides

THE OFF-SIDE law needs changing again. The biggest loss of excitement is when one player can deliberately put the other off-side. This, to me, is as bad as cheating. You hear commentators saying things like: "He's looking for the off-side and he's found it." Off-side can make you miss so many goals.

Me and my friends play soccer and we don't use the off-side rule - and the game is exciting and full of goals.

Surinder Bains, Coventry, West Midlands.

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AS A Spurs supporter I am pleased with their form but I was surprised they adopted the off-side trap when they went to Anfield.

I am sure many people would agree that it's the most boring form of football to watch. Let's hope they don't do it too often.

Jackie Lordley, Walthamstow, London.

• As you know, Surinder and Jackie, the main purpose of the off-side laws are to prevent one team from taking an unfair advantage over the other. But we, too, think that the off-side trap is a very negative way of playing.

Hurt for real

IN REPLY to Neil Meadow's views on players who fake injury, if he had ever played football himself and received a knock on the shin he would know that very often the initial pain is so great that it is almost unbearable.

However, during the time the free-kick is awarded, etc., the pain becomes bearable and the player can get up and carry on. Being booked for rolling around in agony is unfair on the player who is genuinely injured - of which nine out of ten genuinely are.

Nathan Peacey, Backwell, Bristol.

Heart of Oakes



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PITCH: 114yds x 76yds.

RECORD ATTENDANCE: 20,500 v Chelsea, F.A. Cup Third Round replay, January 16, 1952.

RECORD CASH RECEIPTS:

£15,854 v Aston Villa, League Cup Semi-Final, first leg, January, 1975.

LEAGUE RECORD: 1931 - elected to Third Division North. 1958 - 74, Fourth Division; 1975 to present, Third Division.

HONOURS: Promoted to Fourth Division 1974 - 75. Welsh Cup winners 1907 - 08, 1932 - 33, 1946 - 47. Debenham Cup winners 1977. Semi-Final League Cup 1974 - 75.

RECORD VICTORY: 12 - 0 v York City, 1936.

RECORD DEFEAT: 11 - 2 v Oldham Athletic, January 19, 1952.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 56, Fourth Division, 1964 - 65.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 119, Fourth Division, 1964 - 65.

HIGHEST SCORER IN SEASON: Dickie Yates, 36, Third Division North, 1946 - 47.

HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORER: Gary Talbot, 83.

MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Ray Gill, 408, 1951 - 63.

MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Bill Lewis, 9, Wales.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID: £24,000, Ian Mellor from Brighton, February, 1978.

RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £125,000 for Ian Edwards, to Wrexham, November, 1979.

AT A time when Football League clubs are being criticised for spending too much on players and not enough on improving the lot of the paying fans, one Third Division outfit are leading by example.

Just under a year ago, Chester put into operation plans to build a new stand at a staggering cost of just over £1½ million. It is now all but finished with new dressing rooms and a treatment room in use, while workmen have been putting the finishing touches to social facilities.

Not only have Chester provided players and fans with their proud new stand, they have also sacrificed a bigger ground capacity to give their supporters more comfort.

The stand is a measure of the faith Chester have in their future. They will be paying for it for the next five years, with much of the money coming from the club's lottery.

Their commitment to the stand means that not much money will be available to player/manager Alan Oakes for transfers and secretary Stan Gandy admits that the team boss will have to generate his own funds by judicious selling.

Such funds have come into the club this season with the sale of Ian Mellor to Sheffield Wednesday for £50,000 - he joined from Brighton for £24,000 - and Ian

Edwards' move to Wrexham for £125,000.

But, says Oakes, buying players is like buying houses. You can have the one you've got for more than you paid but if you want a better one, you have to pay even more.

The exception to the rule is young Ian Rush, who came up from local schoolboy ranks. He is 18 and made his debut last season, although he didn't make a real impact until this term with seven goals in a handful of games, including two in the F.A. Cup.

Oakes claims that management had no surprises from him, "because I didn't know what to expect."

He said: "It's all happened rather quickly. Ken Roberts signed me from Manchester City and it wasn't long before he resigned as team manager and became general manager before going to Wrexham.

"I never planned to go into management. It just sort of happened."

Team work is the name of the game at Sealand Road, where Chester lie in the top third of the table, comfortably placed for a late challenge for promotion. There are no big shooting stars on whom to rely for goal gluts and players from all departments proved last season that they can score.

Oakes himself scored four, midfielder Ron Phillips got ten while defender Paul Raynor scored four, Jim Walker and Derek Jeffries one each.

Goals this season have fortunately not been too hard to come by. Twenty-six in fact have provided 23 points in the first 20 games.

The team behind the team has been together for a few years now. When Oakes arrived at Sealand Road he found assistant coach Cliff Sear and physio Vin Pritchard working with Ken Roberts. He saw



Brian Lloyd, Ronnie Phillips and Peter Henderson, defence, midfield and strike force.

How to get there

Nearest railway station: Chester. Buses: Crossville No. L1 from bus station in Delaney Street, on the hour. Corporation buses from Odeon Cinema, Town Hall Square. Football specials to the ground if police request service, also from railway station by police request.

By road: From North-East. Follow M56 to the end, turning left at roundabout and after about half-a-mile, right at traffic lights to the A56. Follow road to Chester after crossing A41 at roundabout. Turn left at roundabout and follow signs for Sealand Road Industrial Estate. Chester F.C. is adjacent to estate at junction of Stendall Road and A548 Queensferry Road.

From South: A41 to roundabout at junction with A56, then follow route as from North-East.

From West: A55 and follow signs for Sealand Road Industrial Estate, then as from North-East.

BRIAN LLOYD, goalkeeper. Ever-present at Wrexham for five seasons until the arrival of Dai Davies from Everton who, like Brian, is a full Welsh international. Lloyd signed for Chester for £6,000 in September 1977.

JIM WALKER, full-back. Experience at a number of clubs including Manchester City, Derby, Brighton and Peterborough before joining Chester in November 1976 for £6,000. He was born in nearby Northwich.

ALAN OAKES, midfield. Joined Chester from Manchester City where he made 565 League appearances and was in the teams that won First and Second Division championships, the League Cup, F.A. Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup. He went to Chester as a player but took over as player/manager six weeks later.

PETER HENDERSON, striker. Joined Chester in December 1978 from the then Cheshire League club Witton Albion, where he was a prolific goal scorer. In his first season for Chester he scored 7 times in 25 games and gave up his school teaching to turn professional.

TREVOR STORTON, midfield. Made 100 appearances for Tranmere Rovers before joining Liverpool in July 1972. He played five times for the Reds before joining Chester for £18,000 in June 1974. He has made over 200 appearances. He was an ever-present in the side last season but failed to score.

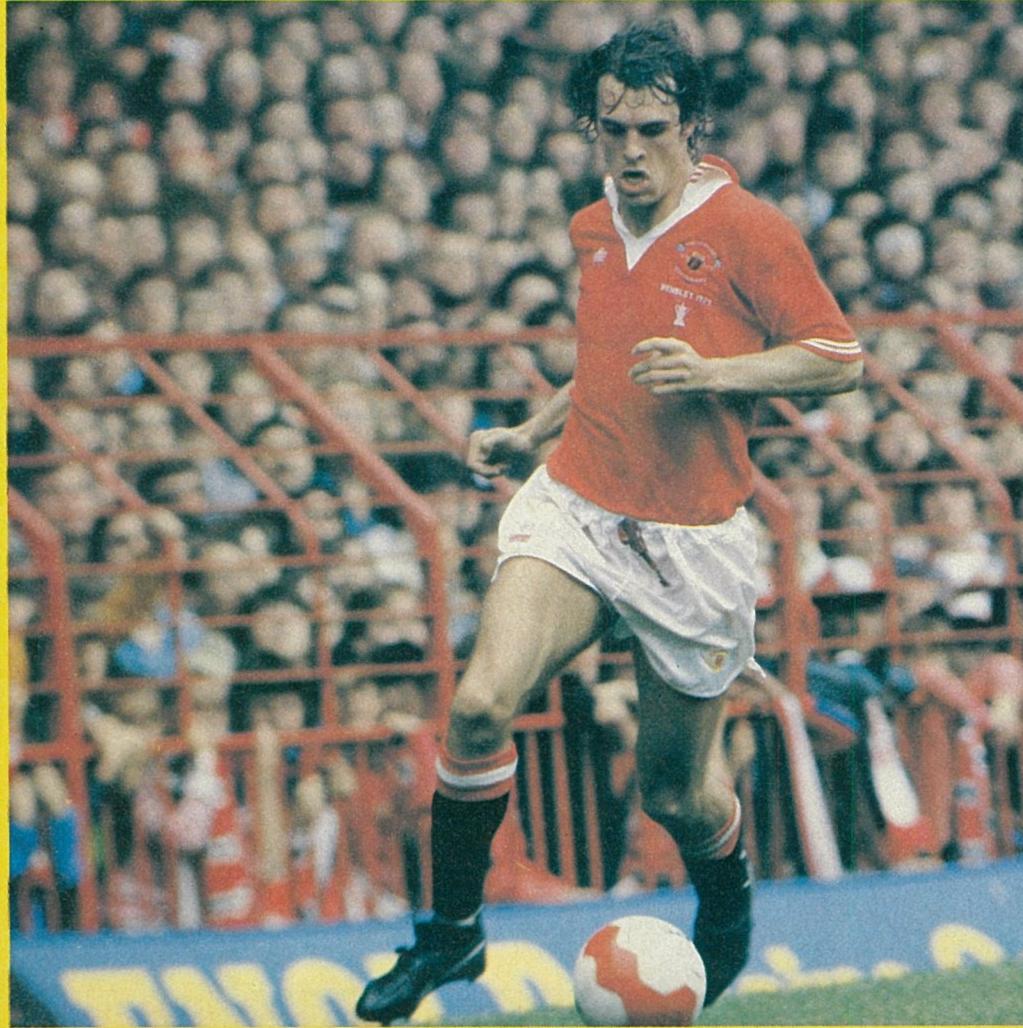
JOHN RUGGIERO, midfield. Joined Chester in the close-season from Brighton, who bought him from Stoke City for £30,000. He came to Chester after a disappointing spell with the south-coast club.



PELE

BIRTHPLACE: Bauru, Tres Coracoes, Brazil.
BIRTHDATE: October 23, 1940.
CAREER: Santos, New York Cosmos.
TOTAL APPEARANCES: 1363 (111 for Brazil).
TOTAL GOALS: 1281, 96 for Brazil, 954 for Santos, 217 for New York Cosmos, 14 for Brazilian Army.

PELE'S best season was in 1958 when as a 17-year-old wonder boy he scored an incredible 139 goals, including one in the World Cup final when Brazil beat Sweden. But his most memorable goal was the penalty in front of 100,000 delirious fans in the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, which brought up his 1,000th. As the ball bulged the back of the net, Pele ripped off his jersey to reveal a gold tee shirt with '1000' emblazoned across it!



JOE JORDAN

BIRTHPLACE: Carlisle.
BIRTHDATE: December 15, 1951.
CAREER: Morton, Leeds, Manchester United.
TOTAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 190.
LEAGUE GOALS: 47.
FA CUP GOALS: 6.
LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 5.
INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 8.
EUROPEAN GOALS: 5.

JORDAN was the darling of the Old Trafford crowd when, in the dying minutes of United's derby with Manchester City in 1978, he scored the winner.

A Gordon McQueen header was cleared by the City defence, but it fell to Jordan who loves snapping up chances in the box. United went on that season to beat City at Maine Road 3-0 and complete a memorable double over their rivals.

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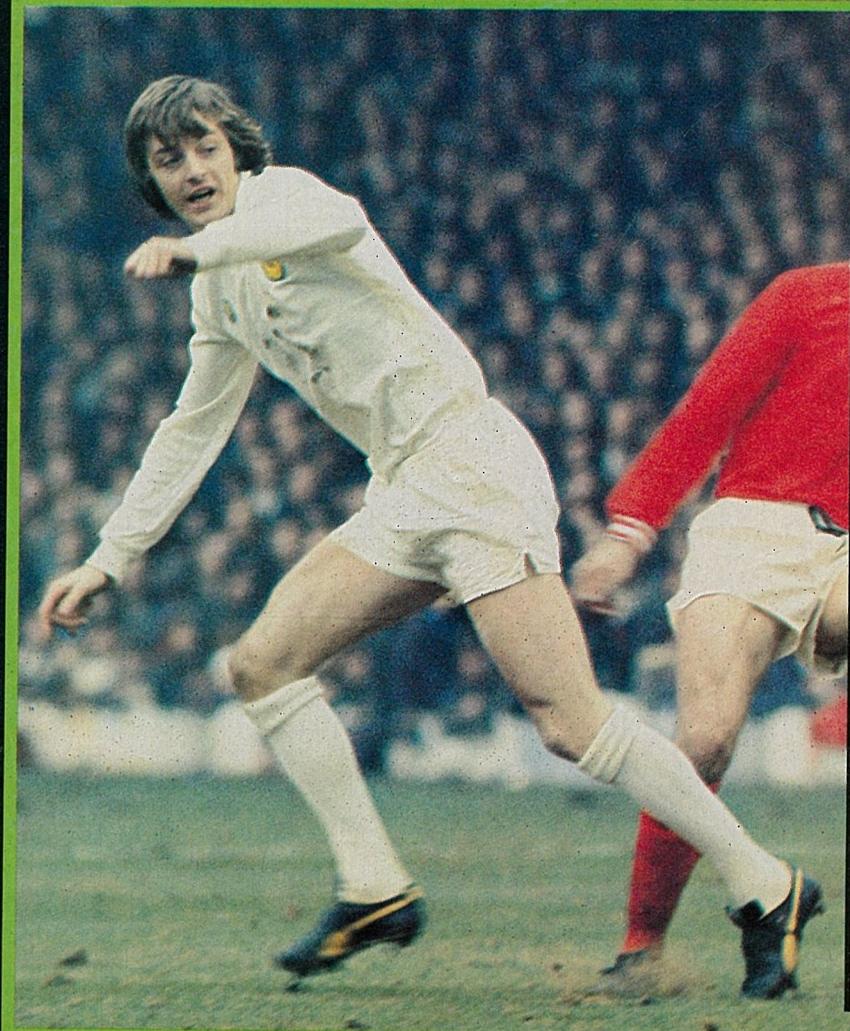


ROGER HUNT

BIRTHPLACE: Golborne.
BIRTHDATE: July 20, 1939.
CAREER: Bolton, Liverpool.
TOTAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 473.
LEAGUE GOALS: 268.
FA CUP GOALS: 19.
LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 2.
INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 18.
EUROPEAN GOALS: 17.

HUNT became Liverpool's record marksman when he scored 41 goals in season 1961-62, but one of his best goals came on a dramatic Anfield occasion a few years later in 1965.

It was the semi-final of the European Cup against Inter Milan. The ball moved quickly between three Liverpool players and was crossed to Hunt lurking between the 18-yard line and the penalty spot. He caught the ball on the volley with his right foot and it sailed into the net for Liverpool's first.



ALLAN CLARKE

BIRTHPLACE: Willenhall.
BIRTHDATE: July 31, 1946.
CAREER: Walsall, Fulham, Leicester, Leeds, Barnsley.
TOTAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 497.
LEAGUE GOALS: 220.
FA CUP GOALS: 39.
LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 15.
INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 7.
EUROPEAN GOALS: 15.

THEY called him "sniffer" for his uncanny ability to sniff out goal chances as Arsenal found out to their cost in the centenary FA Cup Final at Wembley in 1972 when Leeds won the trophy for the first time.

Inevitably it was Clarke who scored the goal that won it. Mick Jones made a run down the right and crossed the ball. As it came over Clarke was ready to volley it but at the last minute he instinctively dived to head the ball into the net.

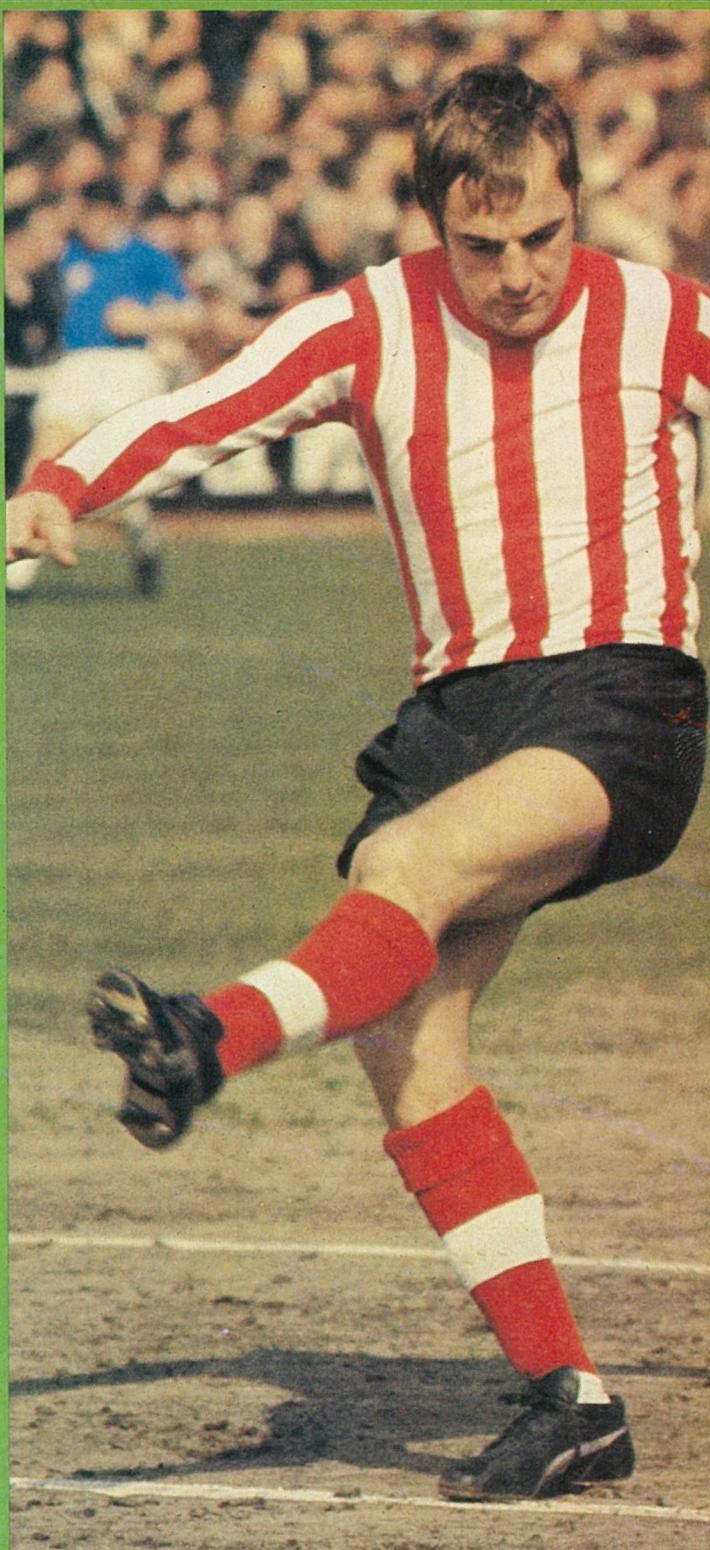


JOHN TOSHACK

BIRTHPLACE: Cardiff.
BIRTHDATE: March 22, 1949.
CAREER: Cardiff City, Liverpool, Swansea.
TOTAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 365.
LEAGUE GOALS: 166.
FA CUP GOALS: 4.
LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 3.
INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 12.
EUROPEAN GOALS: 21.

ONE of the most vital goals in John Toshack's time at Liverpool was the winner in the first leg of 1975-76 UEFA Cup.

His dramatic shot proved decisive as Liverpool drew with Barcelona in the second leg and went on to win the Cup 4-3 against Bruges in the final.



RON DAVIES

BIRTHPLACE: Hollywell, N. Wales.
BIRTHDATE: May 25, 1943.
CAREER: Chester, Luton, Norwich, Southampton, Portsmouth, Man. Utd., Millwall.
TOTAL LEAGUE APPEARANCES: 447.
LEAGUE GOALS: 276.
FA CUP GOALS: 17.
LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 13.
INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 8.
EUROPEAN GOALS: 0.

IN HIS first season in the First Division with Southampton Ron Davies – master of the glancing header – went on to score four hat-tricks and, with 40 goals, became the League's top marksman.

One of his most memorable was in an away match at Blackpool – his first for Southampton – which led the Saints to their first ever away win in the First Division.

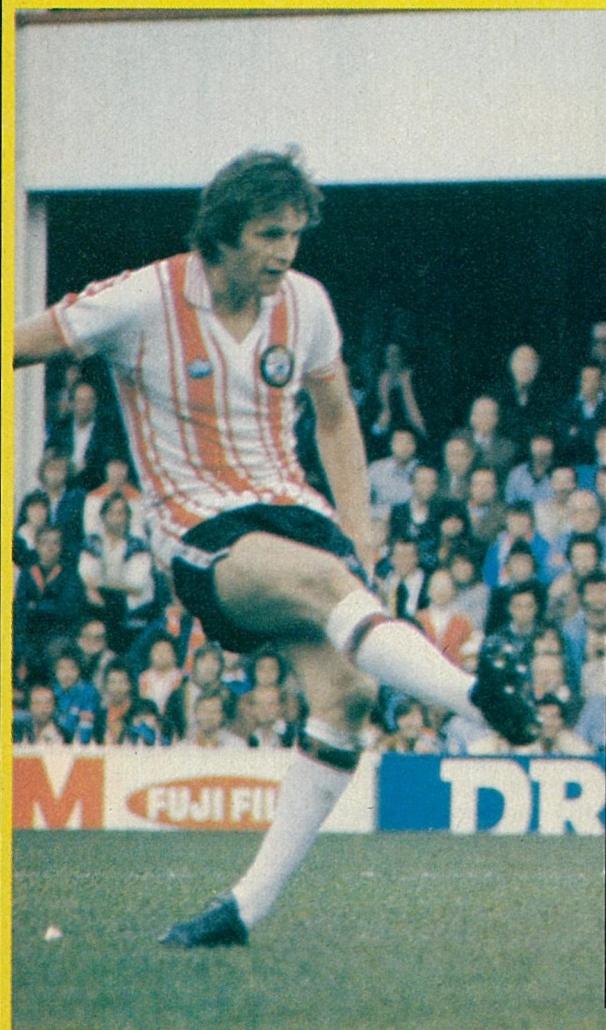
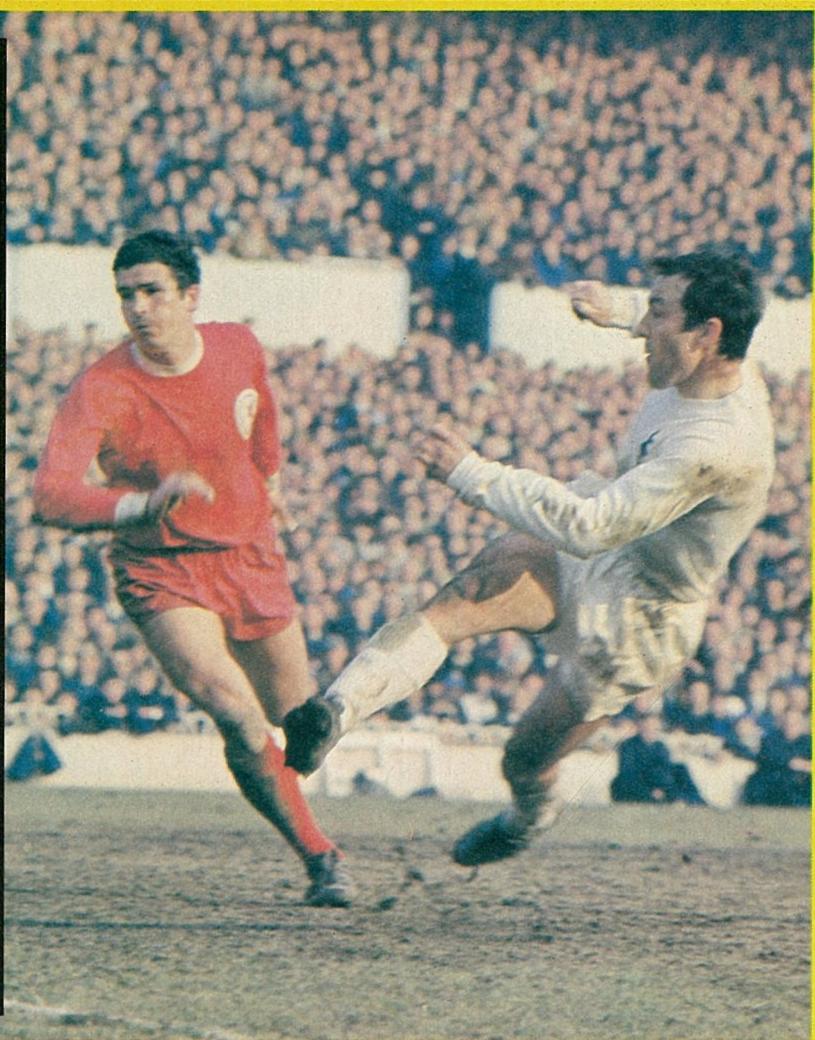
SUPER STRIKERS

JIMMY GREAVES

BIRTHPLACE: London.
BIRTHDATE: February 20, 1940.
CAREER: Chelsea, AC Milan,
Tottenham, West Ham.
TOTAL LEAGUE
APPEARANCES: 514.
LEAGUE GOALS: 356.
FA CUP GOALS: 33.
LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 66.
INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 44.
EUROPEAN GOALS: 10.

THERE was never a better example of the magic of Jimmy Greaves than the day he scored an impish goal in the 5-1 defeat of Manchester United at White Hart Lane in the 1965 season.

And the BBC TV cameras were there to record it as Greaves picked up a loose ball just outside the area and dummied, wriggled and feinted through a pack of red shirts before wrong-footing keeper Jimmy Dunne and sliding his shot into a yawning net. Pure genius.

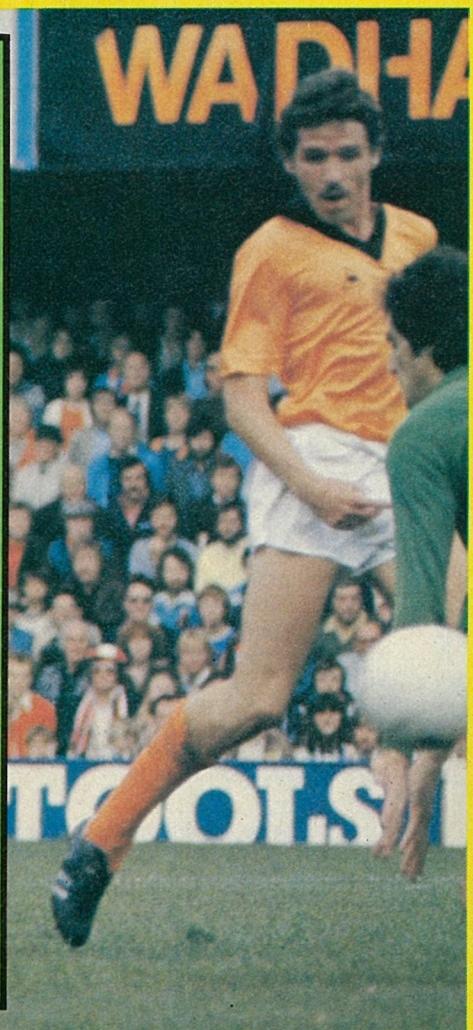


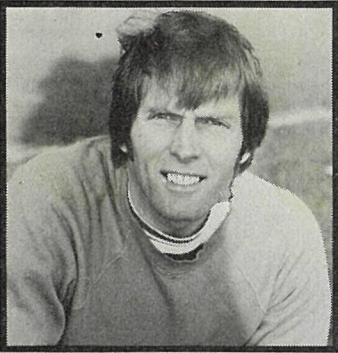
MICK CHANNON

BIRTHPLACE: Orcheston.
BIRTHDATE: November 28, 1948.
CAREER: Southampton,
Manchester City, Southampton.
TOTAL LEAGUE
APPEARANCES: 457.
LEAGUE GOALS: 180.
FA CUP GOALS: 15.
LEAGUE CUP GOALS: 15.
INTERNATIONAL GOALS: 21.
EUROPEAN GOALS: 10.

CHANNON has been a real hat-trick specialist in his time – none more important than the three which sank West Brom in the 5th round of the FA Cup in 1975-76 – and Saints went on to win the trophy.

One of his more special goals came in a 4-0 League win over Portsmouth in 1975-76. A typical Channon run took him to the by-line and he smashed in an unstoppable shot from an almost impossible angle when everyone thought he would have to make do with a cross.





Player/manager Alan Oakes.

no reason to make any changes.

"They are both very good," he said. "First class."

Chester's player/manager, at 37, can't envisage giving up playing yet. "We'll just have to see how it goes," he said.

It says a lot for the fitness of the ex-Manchester City player, because he reckons that soccer in the Third Division is faster than it was in the First.

"Teams don't give you as much time on the ball as they do in the First Division. Players hustle you off it much quicker and it means you have to be able to do things properly, faster."

As for the prospects of Second Division football at Sealand Road next season, Oakes is not committing himself to any rash predictions.

"I won't say that we will be in the Second Division next season, but we are aiming for it, just as everyone else is."

"We may not get there, but we'll do very well anyway," he said.

70-YEAR LINK

SECRETARY Stan Gandi claims a soccer link with the city going back 70 years — from 1908 when his father served on the local football association.

The young Mr. Gandi had already followed in father's footsteps as soccer administrator and when his father died in 1958, took over his responsibilities.

Stan, who became Chester F.C.'s secretary in 1965 has been a supporter of the club all his life and played for them as an amateur in 1936, when they played in the Cheshire League.

He has also been a referee, serving on the Cheshire County League and as a linesman in the Football League.

Stan is the longest-serving

member of the Sealand Road staff and has seen quite a few changes in his time.

"But they have been mainly structural," he said. "When I came here we worked in a wooden hut and in fact the offices we now occupy were built where the hut used to be.

"I suppose promotion was the biggest thing to happen here but it hasn't had a great deal of effect on the gates, though. It did in the first season when we were in the Third Division, but it wasn't as much as expected.

"We won promotion in the same year that we had our first League Cup run. We beat Leeds United before going out to Aston Villa in the semi-final.

That was very disappointing but at the end of the season promotion helped to soften the blow.

"Our gates have suffered in the past 14 years. In my first season we had an average gate of over 8,000. So far this season the average is just 4,000.

"People come for the one-off games, the cup-ties. But I wouldn't class Chester as a footballing city, unfortunately.

"It's a bit disheartening to see the size of the crowd after all the hard work that goes into the club throughout the week. But when you go out and see the team win, on a Saturday, well, that makes up for it, doesn't it . . ."

TWO INTO ONE

LIKE SO many other clubs, Chester came into being as a result of the amalgamation of two local clubs.

After a successful start on the Roodee, which is the home of Chester race meetings to this day, Chester Rovers moved to the Bishop's Field. An adjacent pitch was the home of another club called King's School Old Boys and at the end of the 1884–85 season, the two clubs joined forces to become Chester Football Club.

The new club started by playing friendlies although records say that some of the matches hardly warranted this description!

The first known professional of the club was Arthur Turner who was bought out of the Army for £25 at the turn of the century.

Chester were one of the founders of the Football Combination, consisting mainly of Lancashire clubs, and won the championship in 1908–09, a year after winning both the Welsh and Cheshire cups.

In 1910 they joined the Lancashire Combination and remained members until the start of the First World War. After the war, they joined the Cheshire League, but it was not until 1929–30 when Mr Charles Hewitt became manager that the club became truly professional.

In 1931, the club were admitted to the Third Division North after beating Nelson on a second ballot. They finished runners-up in 1935–36 and stayed in that division until 1958, when they joined the newly-formed Fourth Division. Chester's record season was 1964–65 when they scored 119 goals and collected 56 points but finished only eighth!

In 1974–75 Chester enjoyed a magnificent League Cup run, beating Walsall, Blackpool, Preston, Leeds and Newcastle but in the two-leg semi-final, following a 2–2 draw at Chester, they lost by the odd goal in five to eventual trophy winners, Aston Villa.

They were compensated by

winning promotion to the Third Division, beating Lincoln City on goal average for fourth position.

Another Cup run that lingers in the memory followed the arrival of Alan Oakes after a distinguished career with Manchester City. He took over as manager shortly afterwards and took Chester to the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup, eventually losing 1–0 at Wolves.

As a result, they qualified for the two-leg final of the Debenham Cup, which was competed for by the Third or Fourth Division or non-League clubs getting furthest in the F.A. Cup. They lost 2–0 to Port Vale in the first leg but won the cup with a 4–1 victory at home.

Last season got off to a flying start when the club won the Cheshire Premier Cup for the second successive season. But injuries to Ian Edwards and Ian Mellor saw the Chester challenge peter out.

Scandinavian Fan Club!

INSTEAD of the name of owners Tor Line, a more appropriate inscription for the side of the huge ferry 'Tor Scandinavia' as it arrives on Fridays at the Suffolk port of Felixstowe would be "Soccer Rules OK" — or at least its Swedish equivalent. For at this time of year the ship's passenger compliment invariably includes scores of fans en-route for a brief taste of British football action.

Just now it's the close season in snow covered Scandinavia and the Swedes and Norwegian fanatics look across the North Sea to our shores for their soccer sustenance in more ways than one.

Switch on radio or television in Gothenburg, Stockholm or Oslo for Saturday's evening sports round-up and pride of place goes, quite naturally, to the football results and if the title "Engelska Ligán" sounds strange, the results are much more familiar with the doings of Arsenal, Aston Villa, Bristol City and the rest all coming over loud and clear for

All aboard... ships like this ferry Scandinavian fans to Britain on football weekend specials.

the benefit of pools punters in particular.

Football pools are just as much a national pastime in Norway and Sweden as here and while their own game takes its midwinter rest, it is business as usual with the Football League fixtures appearing on the coupons.

The Scandinavians are certainly knowledgeable when it comes to the English scene, thanks partly to weekly peak hour screening on one of the "Match of the Day" games, by courtesy of the BBC, and also for the mini-trips organised by Tor Line.

At first, when the Swedish shipping company sailed to Immingham the fans were taken by coach from Humberside for games at Leeds or in Manchester. Then the terminal switched to Felixstowe and since nearby Ipswich or, more

usually, London has become the destination.

Currently upwards of 300 fans come sailing over leaving Gothenburg on Thursday morning and getting to Felixstowe by lunchtime on Friday. Then it is off to London for two nights plus Saturday afternoon soccer before a return sailing on Sunday.

All this costs the equivalent of £80 excluding main meals and Tor Line are restricted to 300/400 fans a week because of limitations in the supply of stand seats for First Division games at grounds such as Highbury and White Hart Lane.

The trips are popular throughout the English season and not just when Swedish soccer is at a standstill. It would be interesting to see what response there would be from British supporters to, say, weekend cruises to Hamburg to see Kevin Keegan's side in action!

The Swedish regard for English football really goes back a lot further than mini-trips and the pools as Swedish Football Association chairman Tore Brodd explained:

"In Sweden we have always had a soft spot for English football and last June when celebrating 75 years of existence it was natural that we should turn to the Football Association and invite England as the opponents in our Jubilee match.



Malmo coach Bob Houghton — he's one British manager who has made quite an impact this year. Thanks largely to his knowledge and experience of our game, his Swedish side were able to frustrate Nottingham Forest's European Cup ambitions, forcing the final into extra time.

"As early as 1908 the first International between Sweden and England took place and in the first two decades of the century the Swedes really learned a great deal from the more gifted Englishmen.

"Now, we have managed to reduce the English lead somewhat in terms of skill and could even draw and win some internationals, for example in 1949 and 1959, before the Jubilee game also ended with honours shared."



DOUBTLESS inspired to some extent by the success of Bob Houghton with Malmö FF, more Scandinavian clubs are looking to Britain for managers and coaches and three Norwegian clubs will be kicking-off in April with new men at the helm.

Chris Lawler, previously at Swansea, and former Arsenal favourite George Armstrong have recently signed contracts while the biggest challenge faces another former Highbury man, Ian Crawford.

Edinburgh-born Scot Crawford who played with Hibernian and then at the top level in England with West Ham, left Arsenal's coaching staff after eight and a half years to manage F.C. Hamar, a club that suffered relegation despite having an abundance of talent on its books.

"It all came down to a question of motivation. When I went over near the end of last season they hadn't won an away game all year and while things picked up a lot and we almost battled out of trouble, in the end a single goal cost us a First Division spot," explained Ian.

Three teams were fighting for two survival places and Hamar lost out despite winning their last three fixtures, including a 2-1 success at Bergen watched by 15,500 fans — a very good crowd by Norwegian standards.

They want our managers too...

"Alas, other results did not help us and I have to start picking up the pieces with our preparations in January.

"The Norwegian season starts in mid-April and runs through to October with a break of 12 days in July and I am bringing Hamar to England in early April for private practice games against Arsenal, Chelsea and Tottenham," he revealed.

Vision

As the only Norwegian club with under-soil heating, Hamar could make an earlier start but this asset enables them to pick and choose pre-season games against a long list of interested clubs.

With Norway drawn in the same World Cup qualifying group as England, Ian says it is not too early for the name of one of his club's four national team contenders, 22-year-old striker Pal Jacobsen, to be noted.

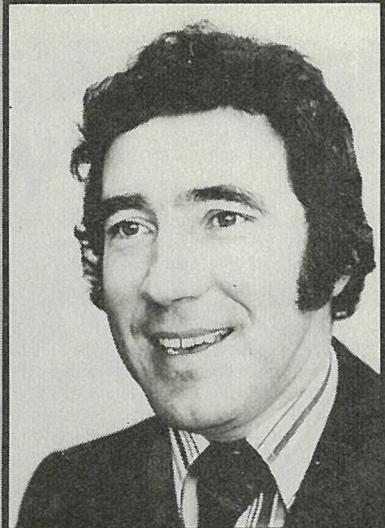
"He is already an established international and I believe he could make it in the English First Division and it is not surprising that FC Cologne have been taking an interest.

Of his other stars Ian says: "Torge Kogedal is a left-sided midfield man with lots of vision; goalkeeper Tore Antonsen has eight caps and is thought by many to be due for a recall while sweeper Leif Henning is only 21 and set for promotion into the senior squad."

Ian sufficiently impressed when spending the final period of last season with Hamar to get a 12-months contract and he is taken with the Norwegian approach to the game.

"They play in the period of the year best suited to football and this is something England could copy. I'm not advocating summer football but a mid-winter break ought to be considered.

"I remember playing dozens of games when the biggest battle was to stay on your feet because of muddy or frozen surfaces. Often the outcome was utter farce for which fans had paid good money."



Ian Crawford... now manager of F.C. Hamar. He is quite taken with the Norwegian approach to the game.

After completing his playing career with Scunthorpe and Peterborough, Ian was Everton youth coach before taking a similar post with Arsenal. In recent years he has worked on the senior staff with chief coach Don Howe and now looks forward to running his own show — in a picturesque lakeside town in Norway!

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KULWANT DHALIWAL of Plumstead, London, SE18, asks:

How many matches have Liverpool won and how many have they lost. Also how many draws have they had against Merseyside rivals Everton?

• Liverpool's complete Football League record to the end of last season is: played 3,280, won 1,302, lost 920, drawn 698, points 3,302. The number of draws between Everton and Liverpool total 36 – 18 on each ground – the latest being the 2–2 result at Anfield on October 20.

NIGEL STEAD of Wallington asks:

Who were the last team to score seven or more goals away from home in a First Division game?

• The last team were Wolves who went to Cardiff City on September 3, 1955, and returned with a 9–1 victory.

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NICHOLAS REVEREDO of Acton asks:

Which country used seven or more players from one club in an international game. Was it England (Liverpool) or was it Belgium (Anderlecht)? What was the final score?

• The right answer is England, Nicholas, but it was Arsenal who provided the seven players. The game was played at Highbury on November 14, 1934, when England beat Italy 3–2. The Arsenal men were: Frank Moss (goalkeeper), George Male and Eddie Hapgood (backs), Wilf Copping (left-half) and Ray Bowden, Ted Drake and Cliff Bastin (forwards).

ROBERT BOOTHROYD of Huddersfield asks:

How many teams has Frank Worthington played for and how many goals did he score for each?

• Frank Worthington scored 42 goals in 166 games for Huddersfield, 72 in 209 for Leicester, and 35 in 76 for Bolton. Up until December 1 he hadn't scored this season and now plays for Birmingham City.

ARSENAL ALBUM WINNERS

ENTRIES flooded into the MATCH WEEKLY offices for the "Win an Arsenal Annual" competition which appeared in our December 6–12 issue.

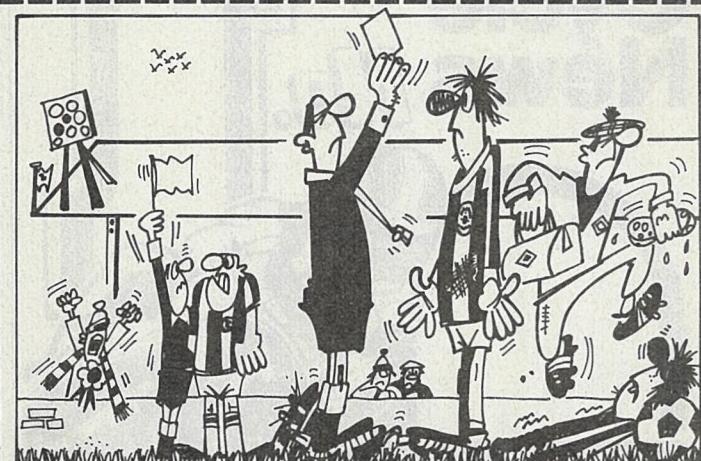
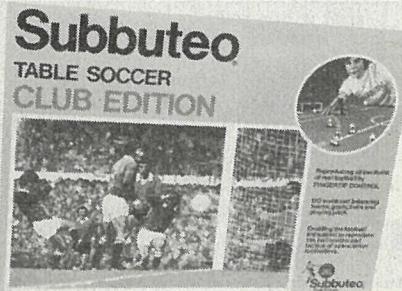
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GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST



YOU CAN say what you like, Christmas isn't what it used to be — speaking purely from a football point of view that is.

Up until 1959 you could drag your poor abused body out of the house into the cold crisp air to watch your local heroes perform in the League on Christmas Day and again on Boxing Day.

For many it was as good an excuse as any to get out of the house and away from those over-excited children, but for others like the players and administrators, the police and bus drivers, it was an awful encumbrance on their family day.

But for some, the memories of those hectic Christmases bring back happy times. Ipswich Town manager Bobby Robson says: "I must say I enjoyed the all-action Christmas when I was a player. But it is better now that it has been reorganised.

"It was very hard playing four or even more games in eight days. I remember playing Manchester United at Fulham one Christmas Day in thick mud, jumping on the train straight after the game, and playing at Old Trafford the next day on a rock-hard ground."

Arsenal's Irish boss Terry

Neill recalled: "We were not as hard done by as some people would have you believe. It was a tradition to play at Christmas and we were accustomed to it. Personally, I felt it was a good thing. If I had not been playing I would have over indulged."

Division fixture.

The incredible thing is that in the return fixtures over that same holiday period, Ipswich turned the tables with a 4-2 win over Fulham and West Ham United cast aside their ignominious result with a 3-1 win at Ewood Park.

Finally, comes the story of Jim Oakes who became the subject of many a trick question following his appearance for Port Vale at Charlton, on Boxing Day, 1932. The game was abandoned and replayed the following Spring, by which time Oakes had been transferred to Charlton Athletic. He played for them in the rescheduled fixture and so became famous as the man who played for both sides in the same Football League match.

Festive

It was way back in 1889 that the first Christmas Day fixture was staged at Deepdale. Preston North End beat Aston Villa 3-2 in a top-of-the-table clash that day and then went on to retain the Football League Championship.

If you trace through the results over this holiday programme you will find that the game has truly kept in touch with the festive spirit. Whether it was the gourmand in the players, too much spirit or just too much football — or indeed a culmination of all three — it is hard to tell. But certainly football did not often let its fans down in the season of goodwill and provided some of the game's highest and most bizarre scorelines.

For instance, Walsall crashed to Darwin 12-0 in 1896 and Hull City walloped Halifax Town 10-0 in 1930. Although the real Christmas crackers proved to be Norwich City who put 18 goals past poor Brighton without reply on December 25, 1940.

Mind you, in all fairness, it must be pointed out that this happened during war-time when it was difficult to assemble a full team and on this occasion the 'Seagulls' had arrived at Carrow Road with only five players. The balance of the team was recruited from the terraces.

The legendary Len Shackleton wrote his name into the history books that same day. For in the morning he turned out for Bradford Park Avenue and in the afternoon played for Bradford City. He was able to do this as, during the war years, clubs were allowed to field guest players. But even so that must rank as one of the most energetic performances of all time.

Incredible

But we digress. Returning to the question of rogue results, there were some very funny happenings in 1963 when Fulham swamped Ipswich Town 10-1 at Craven Cottage and Blackburn Rovers inflicted West Ham United with their record defeat, 2-8 at Upton Park, in a First

Thought

Mind you, although the Christmas Day fixtures have been done away with, most of the clubs will have their players in for training in preparation for Boxing Day's League programme.

So while you attack your roast turkey and plum pud with gusto, spare a thought for those athletes who have to restrain from the temptations of the Christmas fare.

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When the party's over...

IF THE country went bankrupt tomorrow you could almost bet that Nottingham Forest and Brian Clough would make bigger headlines.

I know that sounds stupid, but it's the way we feel about things that have happened to us recently. Everybody, it seems, has been writing or talking about us.

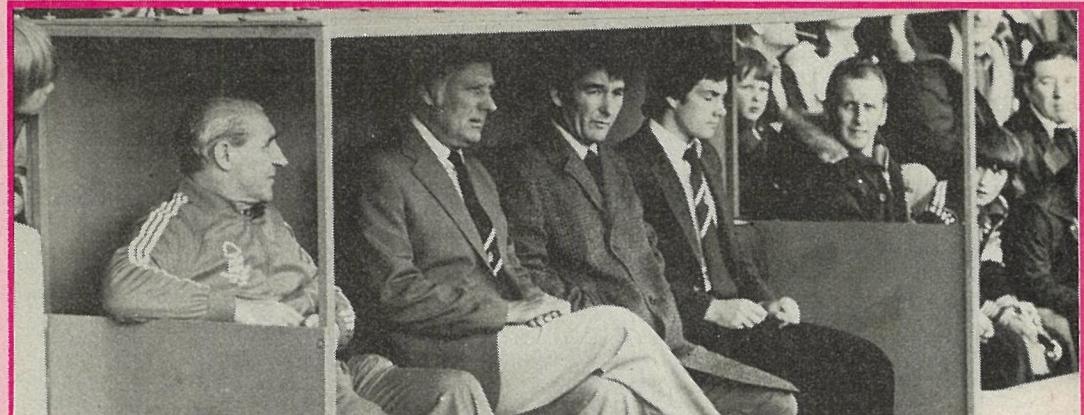
Mind you, things have gone a little bit berserk. For a side that has known nothing but success for more than two years, we suddenly wondered what it was like to win a match!

I always knew that at one stage we would have to go through a bad patch but I never expected it to be as barren as it has been.

What really put the cat among the pigeons was losing at home to Brighton. That knocked us for six because if we had won that one it might just have given us the impetus to win back our confidence and start to flow again.

Having said that, nothing should

The funny business – entertainer Tommy Steele gets one over on me at a charity squash match.



surprise us in management. Over 14 years together, Peter Taylor and I ought to be conditioned to every conceivable happening.

But occasionally we still get little jolts – like the time recently when I was looking at a player with a view to signing him.

I was told he wasn't making up his mind for three or four days but

The serious business – in the dug-out with Peter Taylor during a Forest game.



CLOUGH

within 24 hours he'd gone to another club.

That's the type of thing that happens in management. But when you add up all the experiences, they can't do you anything but good in the long term.

I am, however, at fault myself for being lulled into a mood when life appears to be going along swimmingly. But there does come a time when a big nasty wave threatens to drown you. That's when you have to put your feet on dry land again and sort out your problems.

And the pressures come from all sides of course. It doesn't exactly help when you pick up a newspaper, turn to the back page and find out that there's supposed to be a rift between yourself and your mate.

Fortunately, Peter and I have been through this before and to deny that there was any ill feeling, animosity – call it what you will – between us, is almost a waste of breath.

But, just in case anyone is in any doubt, it would be the equivalent of believing what you read on sandwich boards that "the end of the world is nigh".

What Peter and I have done over the last couple of months is a

big favour to our contemporaries . . . the men who share similar managerial problems to ours.

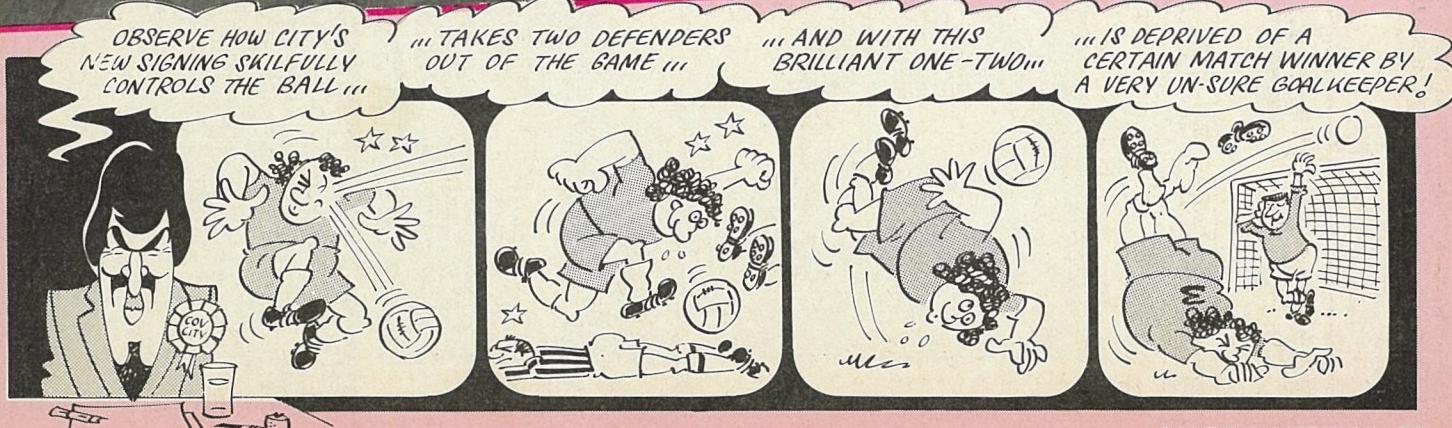
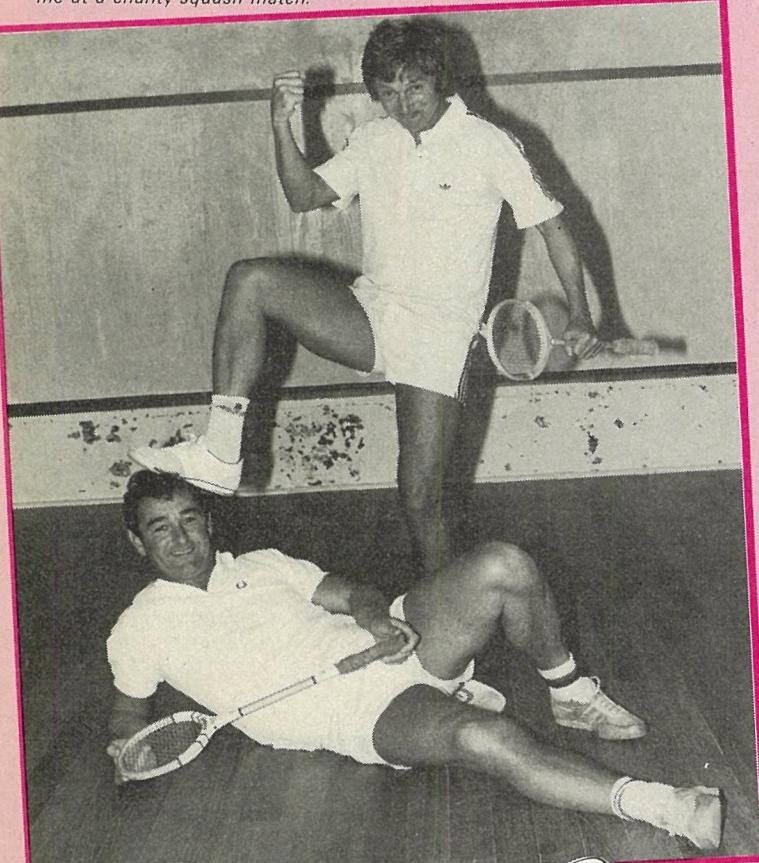
For much of our time in management we have been associated with success and I'm certain there have been chairmen up and down the country in every division who have gone to their managers and said: "Can't you do what Cloughie and Taylor are doing?"

I'm certain there has been envy and jealousy when people look at our record but in recent months chairmen have stopped knocking on managers' doors and putting the question.

Backs to the wall situations also reveal a lot about the people around you – whether it be players, coaches, directors, office staff or the cleaners.

You could relate our success to three years of non-stop New Year's Eve parties. Well, the champagne bubbles don't only get up the nose – they reach the brain cells at times. But when the party stops, you get the true reflection of the people near you.

Brian Clough



SCOTTISH clubs might be oblivious of the pressures of the holiday fixtures of their counterparts south of the border but they have to contend with Hogmanay — and that's an institution in itself!

It has now become a great public holiday of two or three days and, inevitably, football has a part to play. New Year's Eve (December 31st) is the big night for celebration with the problem for footballers coming in the shape of a full Scottish League programme over the following two days.

Just how do the clubs manage to turn out on January 1 with a completely fit and coherent squad? Some of the key men in the Scottish game come up with some interesting theories.

For a start, some clubs even encourage their players to spend Hogmanay at home with their relatives and friends Clydebank director Jack Steedman explains:

"We used to take our players away to a private hotel on December 31 but it was so upsetting to them that we stopped it altogether. This is a family time and players prefer to stay at home and as they are self-disciplined we never have had a case of over indulgence."



WARNING: Hogmanay can weaken the knees. Celtic keeper Peter Latchford.

"The lads realise they must tow the line and, after all, they are playing for substantial bonuses and with them that counts a lot."

Stirling Albion manager Alec Smith prefers to see celebrating put off until after the soccer action.

He told MATCH WEEKLY: "If you are in Scottish football you must accept the situation that on the night before New Year's Day fixtures players must take things easy."

"I don't mind them joining their

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North of the Border, party time must wait a wee while

families after the game but people in football appreciate that the two points at stake are of prime importance,

One family that will know all about Hogmanay sacrifices is the McLeans with three brothers all prominent in soccer at the top level. Tommy is the right-wing ace of Rangers and Scotland; Jim is steering Dundee United towards top honours and Willie is in charge of First Division Ayr.

Willie elected himself as spokesman to tell us: "There is not much family life in football at this time of year — but it is a situation

that has been so long in the game it just doesn't affect us any more."

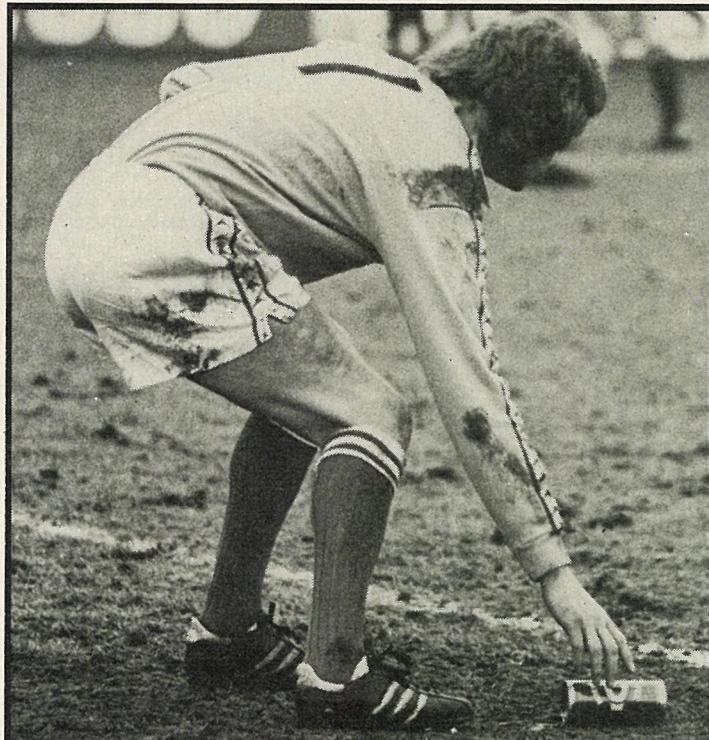
Previously manager at Motherwell and Raith, Willie's present club have put their fixture back to January 2 because of a clash with Ayr Races. He added: "You become immune to Hogmanay and playing at New Year is just something you must get on with."

Clyde are Ayr's January 2 visitors and this means manager Craig Brown's boys will make an even more delayed start to their celebrations.

"We postponed for a day at Ayr's request and as a result some of our

players have put off their parties until after the game and even then they will be later than usual getting back to join their families as the kick-off is not until 3.30.

"But," added Craig "we shall be training at Shawfield on New Year's Day — just to get any cobwebs out of our systems."



WARNING: Hogmanay can have its temptations. Hibernian's Jim McArthur.



WARNING: Hogmanay can go straight to the head. Rangers keeper Peter McCloy.



WARNING: Hogmanay can make your boots feel like lead. George Best of Hibernian.

Between December 29 and January 2 the Scottish clubs play two full League programmes and with a lot of Scottish Junior Cup ties scheduled for the lesser clubs Hogmanay is anything but a holiday.

DON'T MISS YOUR MATCH '80 CALENDAR

Next week, start to collect your Match '80 calendar. Inside next week's issue, on sale on Thursday, January 3, you will find the first four pages of a super 1980 "Stars Calendar" in full colour. It's a bit out of the ordinary and there's a great competition connected with each month. With some novel soccer snippets and dates to remember, it's altogether a MATCH WEEKLY special you won't want to miss. Make a date with us next week. Place an order with your newsagent and tell your friends.

FIRST FOUR PAGES FREE NEXT WEEK

match makers

STEVE EMERY

Derby County

FULL NAME: Stephen Roger Emery.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Hereford, February 7, 1956.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 9ins. 10st 7lbs.
MARRIED: Separated.
CHILDREN: Daughter, Nina-Michelle.
CAR: Austin Maxi.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Hereford United.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
WORST EVER INJURY: Fractured knee-cap.
FAVOURITE BRITISH PLAYER: Kevin Keegan.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER: Rivelino (Brazil), such a powerful shot.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Liverpool's first European Cup winning side.
MY ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: England's 1966 World Cup winning side.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Edgar Street, Hereford.
FAVOURITE STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: White Hart Lane. (Spurs).
BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Walsall for Hereford.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Ron Radford's for Hereford against Newcastle.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: David Moss, Luton.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: First Division debut for Derby v Middlesbrough.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Signing for Derby County.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Getting injured pre-season before Hereford played in the Second Division.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Cricket, darts.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Collecting records, watching live groups.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Travelling.
FAVOURITE TV: Old Grey Whistle Test.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Crossroads.
FAVOURITE READING: Thrillers.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Paul Rodgers (Bad Company).
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Beer.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Susan George.
BEST FILM SEEN IN '79: The Champ.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: First, my father, then the team that won the Third Division championship for Hereford.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Losing.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To help keep Derby in the First Division.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: I hope to continue in the game through coaching.
PLAYER FOR THE EIGHTIES: Steve Williams, Southampton.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Olivia Newton John.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen to coaches and practise.

Steve Emery



HALF TIME

WHEN YOU'RE fed up with all that festive telly and the novelty of your Christmas stocking begins to wear a bit thin, why not have a go at our quiz, compiled by the man who this year won the title of 'BBC Radio Brain of Sport', Julian Pincher. If you score 15 or more, you're among the best-informed fans in Britain.

1. Burnley were the last League team to win a League match. Which team did they beat?
2. Which player scored the most goals in the Scottish Second Division last season?
3. Who, in 1973, became the first-ever P.F.A. Young Footballer of the Year?
4. Who did Real Madrid defeat in the final of the first-ever European Cup?
5. Who scored Northern Ireland's goal in their 5–1 defeat by England in the European Championship?
6. Which goalkeeper in season 1978–79 created a record by playing for 1103 minutes without conceding a goal?
7. From which club did Brighton sign Ray Clarke?
8. Who is the new chairman of the Scottish P.F.A.?
9. Which non-League club, who played in the First Round of the F.A. Cup, are managed by former England striker Ian Storey-Moore?
10. Which famous manager recently replaced Doug Collins as manager of Rechdale?
11. Name the grounds on which the following clubs play their home games:
(a) Birmingham City, (b) Colchester United, (c) Hibernian.
12. Name the player who scored a hat-trick for Yugoslavia in their 4–2 win over Argentina during the summer of 1979.
13. Name the first winners of the Inter Cities' Fairs Cup.
14. Name the first substitute to score a goal after coming on to the field in a Football League match.
15. Who were the first host country to fail to win the World Cup?
16. Name the player who scored his 200th League goal on the 21/8/79, in a match against Oldham.
17. Which club beat Malmö in the final of this year's World Club Championship?
18. Which man has had the longest managerial career?
19. Name the only man to have played for the same club in all four divisions of the Football League.
20. Who, in 1960, became the first player to win an England cap whilst playing for a Scottish club?

Answers on page 31.



Name this player... and you have the answer to question 16.

WIN A RADIO CASSETTE!

TEST YOUR soccer knowledge and win a super radio cassette player! The *MATCH WEEKLY* crossword is fun to do and easy to enter.

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Across

1. Pele stole PVC and switched to play for England. (5,7 anagram)
7. Forest defender.
8. Arsenal hope that he doesn't turn a blind eye to the opposition!
10. ____ Matt Busby.
11. Type of goal no team likes to score.
12. Anfield favourite formerly with Northampton Town.
14. Can this Norwich forward really be on the up and up?
18. Turn Ian Tont into a

Bristol City midfielder.
(anagram)

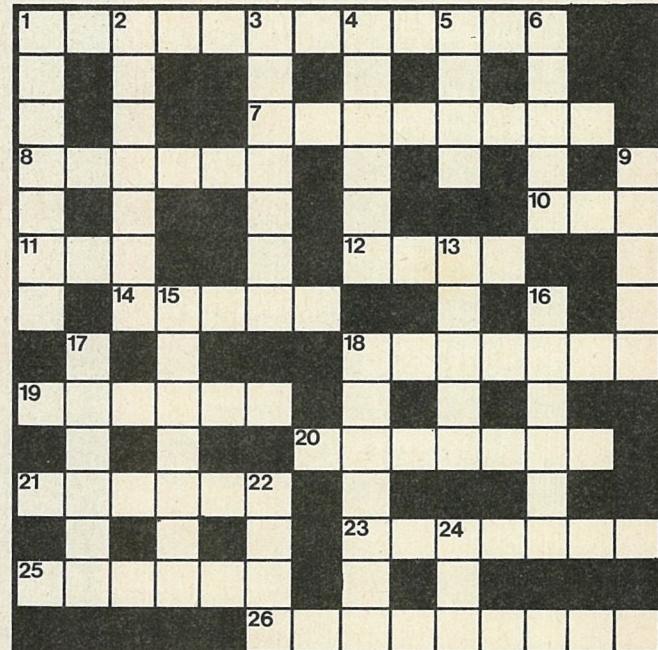
19. He's played over 250 games for Charlton.
20. Old Trafford regular – though he sounds a bit Texan.
21. W.B.A.'s man from Grenada.
23. Small shoots or twigs could provide a clue to this Cambridge midfielder.
25. Q.P.R. defender formerly with Luton Town.
26. Can Red Henson be switched to turn out for Leicester? (anagram)

Down

1. Wiltshire Robins.
2. World Cup winners 1966.
3. He recently returned to The Dell.
4. Team-mate of 14 across.
5. A nobleman at Scunthorpe.
6. Sounds as though he provides the Goodison roar.
9. Watford midfielder who ought to go like a locomotive!
13. Rains change and Tony turns out for Burnley.

(anagram)

15. Team-mate of 13 across.
16. Fulham hope that his tackles are like this.
17. Spurs' £300,000 signing from Coventry.
18. And yet another Burnley stalwart – though he once played for Chelsea.
22. Tulsa Roughneck – previously with Derby, Leicester and England.
24. Hibs' regular.



Crossword compiled by Fred Dollar

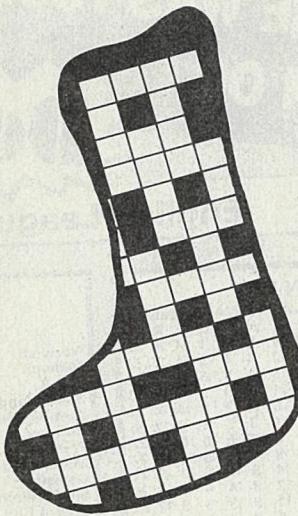
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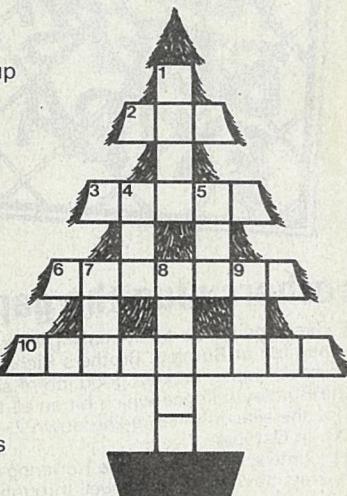
HERE'S your Christmas stocking and the goodies to go in it. Can you fill in all of these soccer names and words faster than you can empty your actual Christmas stocking? Solution on page 31.

ALAN - ANDY - BALL
- BEST - BURY -
DEAN - DIDI - ERIC
- E.U.F.A. - FAN -
HIP - KOP - LEN -
O'NEIL - OVAL -
OWLS - REDS - STAN
- SYD - TONY -
TOSH - TWO - YORK



TREE-WORD

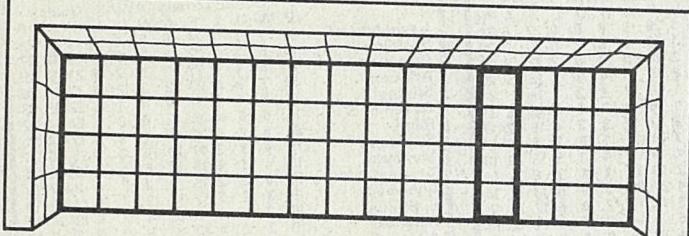
1. Club that won the F.A. Cup by a record 6-0.
2. Anglo-Scottish ___.
3. Leeds and Wales star.
4. He followed Billy Bingham as manager of Everton.
5. It stops the ball if the 'keeper doesn't!
6. 'The Lilywhites'.
7. Ashman or Atkinson.
8. Country that will stage the next World Cup finals.
9. Where one team in a cup match is bound to go!
10. Not scared to identify this team?



PRIVATE EYES



a RIGHT then . . . eyes front! These two pairs of eyes belong to famous First Division faces — and they're fairly near the top (the teams, not the eyes . . .). Can you identify them? Turn to page 31 to find out if you were right.

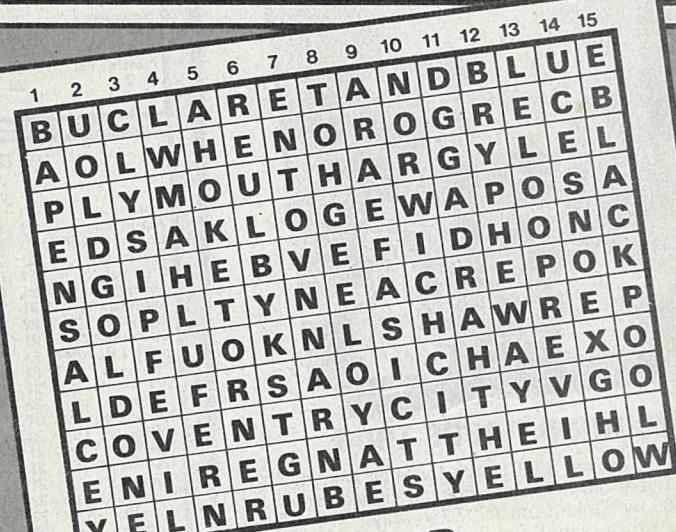


HIT THE POST

WRITE the four soccer names shown below into the netting (one letter to a square and one name to a line) so that the word POST appears reading down the twelfth column.

But — be careful! We haven't given the names in the right order, and they don't necessarily start in the first column.

DAVID ARMSTRONG
WAYNE ENTWISTLE
PHIL THOMPSON
PETER WITHE



SCOUTING TRIP

IN THIS novel game we've given you half the answers and you have to rack your brains (as well as keep your eyes open) to find the rest.

They are all hidden in the grid but not all printed from left to right; some have been put in backwards and others run up, down or diagonally, but they are always in straight lines. Some of the letters are used in more than one answer and some aren't used at all. As you find each answer put a line through it so you can see how you're getting on.

First half:
Find these eight clubs
BLACKPOOL
BURNLEY
COVENTRY CITY
FULHAM

LIVERPOOL
NORWICH CITY
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
WOLVES

Second half:
Now find their main colours.

6. Barnsley player-manager.

NOW try the same thing with only the letters in JOHAN CRUYFF.

1. ___ Robertson.
2. Supporter.
3. One of the Futcher twins.
4. Don Revie scored this many England goals.
5. ___ Jongbloed, famous Holland goalie.
6. Recently-retired Chelsea and Scotland star.

SCORE SIX

USING only letters that appear in BLACKBURN ROVERS, can you find the six soccer words indicated by these clues?

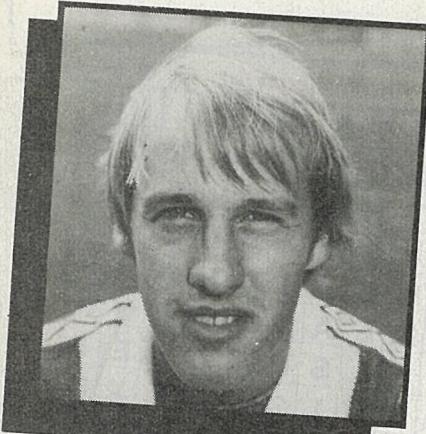
1. One of Blackburn's colours.
2. Blackburn are one!
3. Get a goal.
4. Defender.
5. Goals are often scored from them.



Brothers plug the gap

THE Oversons are certainly making their presence felt at Burnley. Brothers Richard and Vince have helped make a good job of shoring up the Burnley defence which hit an all-time low for the season when going down 7-0 to Q.P.R. in October.

Newcomers this season, the Kettering-born youngsters have progressed well through the Burnley ranks. Richard is 20 and Vince 17.



Dutchman needs time

IT'S ALL proved a bit Dutch for Leek Ursem, the 21-year-old midfielder (above) signed for £60,000 by Stoke from AZ '67 in July.

The Amsterdam-born player made his debut for the Potteries side in the 3-2 win over Coventry on the opening day of the season.

But he failed to stay in the side and Stoke boss Alan Durban has been giving him more time to acclimatise himself to the English way of soccer.

Ursem has won international honours for Holland at schools and Under-21 level. He has a lot of skill and it shouldn't be long before we hear a lot more about this talented youngster.

Paul in dad's footsteps

PAUL Atkinson, an 18-year-old midfielder with Oldham Athletic, has plenty to live up to.

His dad, Charlie, who was basically an inside-forward, played for Hull City, Bradford Park Avenue and Bradford City in the period 1953-65. In one season for Bradford he played in five positions - outside-right, inside-left, centre-forward, right-back and left-half. He holds the record number of appearances for Bradford, too.

Mind you, young Paul isn't doing so badly, either. An England schoolboy trialist and member of the international youth squad, he joined Oldham in August, 1977, and turned professional this year. He made his League debut against Newcastle on the opening day of the season and has been giving some impressive performances since.

He was a member of the Oldham team which played in the Pontin's Six-a-Side Youth Final before the 1978 Charity Shield game at Wembley. Oldham beat Southampton 3-0.

FLASHBACK

WHERE WAS YOUR FAVOURITE TEAM ON

Dec 27 1971

English League

| DIVISION 1 | | | | | | | | | | Goals | | |
|--------------|------|---|---|-------|----|----|------|---|---|-------|----|-----|
| | HOME | | | Goals | | | AWAY | | | F | A | |
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| Man. Utd. | 23 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 24 | 15 | 32 |
| Man. City | 23 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 29 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 15 | 32 |
| Leeds | 23 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 24 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 13 | 31 |
| Sheff. Utd. | 23 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 28 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 19 | 30 |
| Derby Co. | 23 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 25 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 14 | 29 |
| Liverpool | 23 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 21 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 28 |
| Spurs | 23 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 29 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 18 | 27 |
| Arsenal | 23 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 21 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 18 | 27 |
| Wolves | 23 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 27 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| Chelsea | 23 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 21 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 26 |
| Stoke | 23 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 17 | 22 |
| West Ham | 23 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 19 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 21 |
| Southampton | 23 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 30 | 20 |
| Coventry | 23 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 14 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 27 | 20 |
| Ipswich | 23 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 21 | 20 |
| Everton | 23 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 16 | 18 |
| Leicester | 23 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 20 | 18 |
| Newcastle | 23 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 21 | 18 |
| Huddersfield | 24 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 21 | 17 |
| C. Palace | 23 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 21 | 15 |
| Nottm. For. | 24 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 16 | 19 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 13 | 27 | 14 |
| W.B.A. | 23 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 18 | 13 |

| DIVISION 2 | | | | | | | | | | Goals | | |
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| | HOME | | | Goals | | | AWAY | | | F | A | |
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| Norwich | 23 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 23 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 10 | 34 |
| Millwall | 23 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 25 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 16 | 17 | 32 |
| Q.P.R. | 23 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 22 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 13 | 30 |
| Sunderland | 23 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 21 | 16 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 14 | 17 | 27 |
| Birmingham | 23 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 23 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 13 | 26 |
| Burnley | 23 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 23 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 18 | 16 | 26 |
| Preston | 23 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 21 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 17 | 26 |
| Middlesbro' | 23 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 24 | 26 |
| Carlisle | 23 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 17 | 18 | 25 |
| Sheff. Wed. | 23 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 19 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 16 | 24 |
| Bristol City | 23 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 24 | 17 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 22 |
| Oxford | 22 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 17 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 14 | 22 |
| Luton | 23 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 22 |
| Portsmouth | 23 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 21 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 20 | 21 |
| Swindon | 23 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 13 | 21 |
| Charlton | 23 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 19 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 14 | 20 |
| Blackpool | 23 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 19 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 19 | 19 |
| Fulham | 23 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 10 | 31 | 19 |
| Orient | 23 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 10 | 28 | 18 |
| Hull | 23 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 19 | 16 |
| Cardiff | 22 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 12 | 29 | 15 |
| Watford | 23 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 25 | 13 |

| DIVISION 3 | | | | | | | | | | Goals | | |
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| | HOME | | | Goals | | | AWAY | | | F | A | |
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| Notts. C. | 21 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 9 | 31 |
| Aston Villa | 21 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 23 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 14 | 30 |
| Bournemouth | 21 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 14 | 11 | 30 |
| Swansea | 21 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 11 | 28 | |
| Brighton | 21 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 14 | 28 | |
| Rotherham | 21 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 26 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 10 | 28 |
| Shrewsbury | 21 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 15 | 24 |
| Plymouth | 22 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 15 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 19 | 24 |
| Chesterfield | 21 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 13 | 23 |
| Bristol Rovers | 21 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 27 | 13 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 18 | 22 |
| Port Vale | 21 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 13 | 21 |
| Wrexham | 21 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 16 | 20 |
| Oldham | 22 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 15 | 20 |
| Rochdale | 21 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 26 | 19 |
| Bolton | 20 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 18 |
| Halifax | 21 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 15 | 18 |
| Tranmere | 21 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 20 | 18 |
| Bradford | 21 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 18 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 22 | 18 |
| Blackburn | 22 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 22 | 18 |
| Walsall | 22 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 18 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 13 | 31 |
| Torquay | 22 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 20 | 18 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 20 | 15 |
| York | 21 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 23 | 14 |
| Barnsley | 21 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 22 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 14 |
| Mansfield | 21 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 18 | 11 |

| DIVISION 4 | | | | | | | | | | Goals | | |
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| | HOME | | | Goals | | | AWAY | | | F | A | |
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Cowdenbeath | 20 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 24 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 22 | 6 | 31 |
| St. Mirren | 18 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 32 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 18 | 13 | 27 |
| Dumbarton | 19 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 27 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 20 | 25 |
| Arbroath | 19 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 27 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 25 |
| Stirling | 17 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 17 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 22 | 15 | 23 |
| Queen of S'th | 18 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 11 | 22 |
| Raih | 20 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 14 | 21 |
| Stranraer | 19 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 20 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 15 | 21 |
| Montrose | 19 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 27 | 16 | 20 |
| Queens' Park | 18 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 17 | 19 |
| Clydebank | 18 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 10 | 18 |
| E. Stirling | 18 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 14 | 17 |
| Berwick | 19 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 18 | 17 | 16 |
| Albion R. | 20 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 22 | 15 |
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JET SETTER

It's a trans-Atlantic life for Cambridge's Chris Turner.

ONE off-shoot of the North American soccer explosion has been the emergence of a British élite of year-round players such as Cambridge United's big defender Chris Turner.

He has now been in continuous action for three British and two American clubs since August, 1976, jetting off to the U.S.A. at the end of one Football League season to return soon after the start of the next.

Changes in the loan regulations might affect this sort of trans-Atlantic traffic in future but Chris, now 28, is convinced that football month after month has not been detrimental to his form.

"There have been times when I have felt in need of a complete break, then match day comes around and I can't wait to get out there and play. A couple of weekends when I have not been in the Cambridge squad I have been completely lost on Saturday afternoon," he told **MATCH WEEKLY**.

While a number of players have been to the States for the last two summers, Chris is among a minority who have chalked up three successive seasons with North American clubs, his debut coming in April, 1977 for

Connecticut Bicentennials.

The usual question is "Connecticut who?" and, admittedly, their efforts to bring the game to the Hartford area were not overwhelmingly successful, the franchise for the club being switched to another area the following season.

But not before Chris Turner had been voted top defender and came home with an imposing trophy to prove it.

"Before going I had played 40 games for Peterborough, got in 25 more for Bicentennials and was an ever-present through the next season for Peterborough.

"Having played all my 300-plus League games in this country in the Third and Fourth Division I was flattered when several American clubs wanted me on loan for the 1978 season and eventually I went to New England Tea Men, the Massachusetts club managed by my former Peterborough boss Noel Cantwell."

During that summer while playing for Tea Men Chris had the unusual experience of being transferred between clubs three thousand miles away.

"It was Luton that bought me and both their manager David

Pleat and then Peterborough manager John Barnwell came to America and when all was settled I just flew in for 48 hours for a medical and the written formalities.

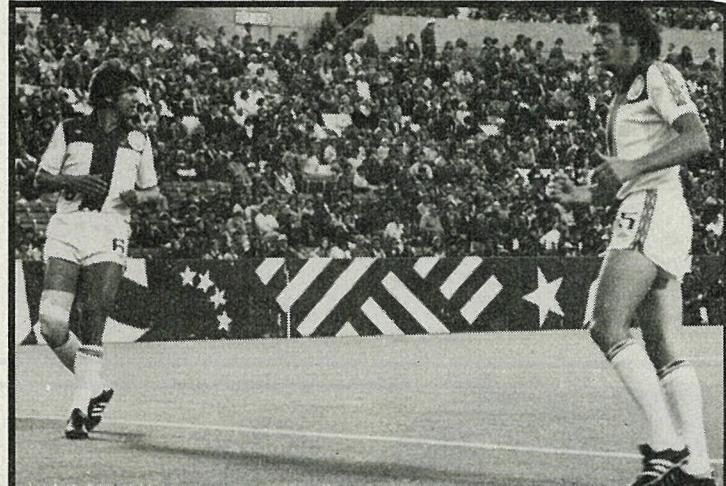
"Then it was back for a season in which Tea Men were the only side to 'double' New York Cosmos with Pele, Beckenbauer, Chinaglia, Tueart and all the rest," Chris recalled proudly.

At Luton he did have one spell of enforced rest through a shoulder injury, yet had played 30 Second Division games when Cantwell, the Irishman with the penchant for showmanship that is

absolutely tailor-made for the American game, came in to buy him for Tea Men.

Back in New England things did not go as swingingly for the club with the backing of the tea giants Liptons and after losing use of their impressive country park stadium near the little town of Foxborough, Tea Men had to play in Boston on a university pitch and support slumped.

"It was a disappointing season and in some ways I was not sorry to come home. Then I had hardly stepped off the plane before being whisked off to Cambridge to be transferred again.



Chris Turner in action for New England Tea Men against Washington Diplomats.

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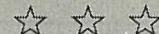
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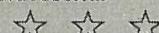
An advertisement for the magazine 'SMASH HITS'. It features a large, close-up black and white photo of a woman's face. Overlaid on the photo are several text boxes containing magazine headlines: 'SMASH HITS', 'WORDS TO THE TOP SINGLES', 'COLOUR POSTERS ALBUM PRIZES', 'NEWS·REVIEWS FEATURES·PIX', and 'Every Fortnight in Britain's Brightest Music Mag. OUT NOW!'. The overall design is dynamic and eye-catching.

It's a FACT

• THE longest journey any team ever made for a Football League match that was postponed was one when Carlisle United made an air trip to and from Plymouth for a Second Division fixture on December 18, 1965. The waterlogged ground compelled an 'off.'

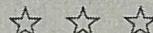


• AMONG the thousands of Football League matches there have been since the war, only one was played on a non-League club's ground. On March 25, 1961, Gillingham, their ground being under suspension, played Wrexham at . . . Gravesend.



• A THIRD-round match against Orient in season 1959-60 enabled Liverpool's Roger Hunt, later an England star, to become the only player in history to score in both the first and last minute of his first F.A. Cup-tie.

• IT USED to be a regular practice for a full programme of Football League matches to be fulfilled on Christmas Day, but there haven't been any fixtures at all on that day since 1959. Then there were just two - Blackburn Rovers v Blackpool (Division One) and Accrington Stanley v Chesterfield (Three).



• FATHER and son Jimmy and Gordon Milne (below) filled the same position with the same club (Preston North End wing half-backs), and both later had a spell as player-manager of Wigan Athletic!



CROSSWORD ANSWERS

THE winners of Candus leather footballs in Crossword No 13 (December 6 issue) will be announced in our next issue, out on January 3. The correct answers were:

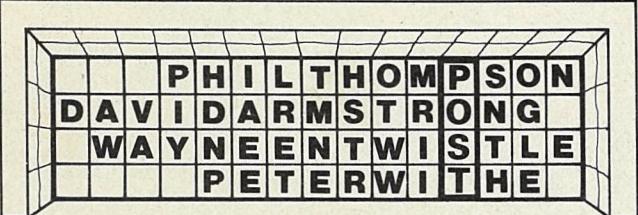
- CROSS:** 1. Derek Statham; 8. Asa (Hartford); 9. (Osvaldo) Ardiles; 10. (Gary) Bailey; 12. (Sir Alf) Ramsey; 13. (Gordon) Nisbet; 15. Goodison; 17. (Kevin) Arnott; 19. Derby; 20. Dundee; 23. (Alan) Sunderland; 25. Crewe; 26. (Gerry) Ryan.
DOWN: 1. (Alan) Durban; 2. (Mike) Robinson; 3. (The) Shay; 4. (Viv) Anderson; 5. (Vic) Halom; 6. Masters; 7. (Paul) Hart; 11. Everton; 14. Andy Blair; 16. (Alan) Dodd; 17. Alexis; 18. (Ian) Mellor; 20. (Trevor) Dance; 22. (and 21 Across) Alan Ball; 24. (Mervyn) Day.

QUIZ ANSWERS

- Cambridge United.
- B. Cleland of Albion Rovers.
- Kevin Beattie.
- Stade de Reims.
- Vic Moreland.
- Steve Death of Reading.
- Bruges.
- Tony Higgins of Hibs.
- Burton Albion.
- Bob Stokoe.
- (a) St. Andrews (b) Layer Road (c) Easter Road.
- Safet Susic.
- Barcelona.
- Bobby Knox of Barrow.
- France.
- Dixie McNeil of Wrexham.
- Athletico Olympia of Paraguay.
- Major Frank Buckley.
- George Curtis of Coventry City.
- Joe Baker.



HIT THE POST SOLUTION



SCORE SIX SOLUTIONS: Tree Word Solution

Blackburn Rovers – (1) blue (2) club (3) score (4) back (5) corners (6) Clarke. Johann Cruyff – (1) John (2) fan (3) Ron (4) four (5) Jan (6) Hay.

(1) Bury (2) Cup (3) Flynn (4) Lee (5) Net (6) Preston (7) Ron (8) Spain (9) Out (10) Doncaster (anagram).

PRIVATE EYES SOLUTION

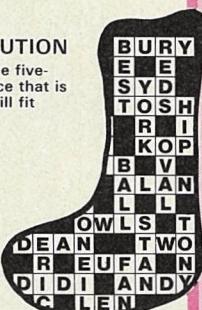
The eyes belong to
(a) Andy Gray (b) Martin Buchan.



Did you get the colours, too? Tangerine (Blackpool), Claret and Blue (Burnley), Sky blue (Coventry City), White (Fulham), Red (Liverpool), Yellow (Norwich City), Green (Plymouth Argyle), Old Gold (Wolves).

STOCKING FILLER SOLUTION

There is only one five-letter word. Once that is in, the others will fit only one way!



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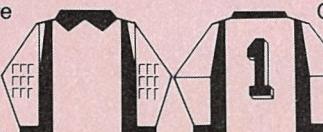
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